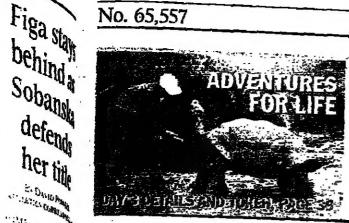
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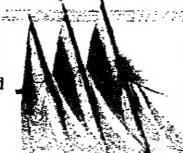
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Gap between good and bad attacked

# Standards in schools 'are still slipping'

SIR Claus Moser, the Oxford don who made a speech six years ago which ignited public anxiety over education, gave a warning last night that standards had slipped still further. The former Warden of

Wadham College, an adviser to the Prince of Wales, welcomed recent government ini-tiatives in schools. But he argued that underachievement had become even more serious since 1990.

in a speech to the Royal Society of Arts in London Sir Claus said that Britain was lagging behind Western Europe and the Far East There was a widening gap between the "good educational lives of the few and the poor ones of the many".

He said that among the

most serious concerns were: ☐ Illiteracy: a serious and disgraceful problem. National tests of 11-year-olds showed only 44 per gent of 11-year-olds reaching the expected level in English.

☐ innumeracy: schools paid too little attention to arithmetic and British nine-yearolds came third from bottom in a table of 14 countries.

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☐ School buildings: many children were left in "appalling conditions". A survey estimated that E3 billion was needed over the next five years just to keep schools open.

☐ Vocational courses: these left the workforce short of "middle qualifications" - cru-

cial to economic success. Before his address Sir Claus said he had been shocked to find that one in 11 teenagers was leaving school without qualifications. This was one in five in the most deprived areas. "The gap between good comprehensive schools and appalling ones is



Sir Claus: Britain lags behind Europe and East

still widening," Sir Claus said.
"There are plenty of good comprehensives in Scotland and in rural areas and then there are schools that none of us would send our children to."

Sir Claus, a former head of the Government's statistical service, added: "The more I have looked at developments over the last five years, the more f have been dismayed that the emphasis all the time is on making sure that the abler children and the slightly more privileged are not handicapped. The bottom half is even worse off."

Almost six years ago, Sir Claus told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that the 1990s should be designated a "decade for education." The speech prompted a welter of govern-ment initiatives and Sir Claus founded the independent National Commission on Education with the backing of the Prime Minister. But last night Sir Claus said that young people were no better off than their counterparts 20 years

He accused ministers of putting electoral advantage above the interests of pupils in

framing policies on education vouchers, grammar schools and the expansion of the Assisted Places Scheme. "It is all about politics, not about children," he said.

Pinning his hopes on a Labour government to arrest the decline in standards, Sir Claus challenged Tony Blair to prove his party's commit-ment by earmarking at least an extra E3 billion a year for education. He said Labour policy statements, with the exception of opposition to selective education, were freer of dogma than the Tories'.

Sir Claus called for nursery education, primary schools and the teaching profession to be given priority by an incom-ing administration. "On these the entire structure rests, and they should come before anything else in thought, research and resources in the opening years of a new government."

Nursery vouchers should be scrapped and replaced by a phased programme of provision for three and four-year olds, with primary school funding improved. Sir Claus hoped that grammar and grant-maintained schools would become "first-class comprehensives" serving children of all abilities and backgrounds.

A spokesman for Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said it was "nonsense" to suggest that the reforms were politically inspired.
David Blunkett, the Shadow

Education Secretary, said: This is a clear and ringing indictment of the Government's education policies. Little has improved and the Secretary of State should be ashamed. Sir Claus could not be clearer: standards are unacceptably low,"



Martin Wyld, the gallery's chief restorer, with Holbein's The Ambassadors

# National Gallery accused of ruining paintings

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in their entirety as swiftly as

The Bulletin report descri-

bed the restoration of two

paintings by Giampietrino, an

early 16th-century student of

da Vinci. The report noted that Giampietrino would apply a final layer of walnut oil and

A similar claim about medi-

eval art was made in 1950 by

the scholar Sir Ernst

Gombrich, one of the first

people to express fears about

the gallery's cleaning prac-tices. He was rebuked by the

Trafalgar Square art estab-lishment. When Mr Daley

resin to tone down colours.

THE National Gallery, which will this month unveil a major restoration, has come under attack for its "secretive" art cleaning policies and for a series of scientific "blunders" since the Second World War that have altered the look of

A New York audience heard Michael Daley, a British art campaigner, accuse the London gailery of "ruining" a number of valuable paintings, including work by Titian, Veronese and Giampietrino. Mr Daley said he "feared the worst" over Holbein's masterpiece The Ambassadors, which the gallery has spent three years cleaning. The 1533 double portrait will go on show on April 29, coinciding with a BBC television

documentary. Mr Daley, a member of the peppery pressure group Artwatch, gave a lecture to the Arts Students League in Manhattan. He quoted from the latest edition of the National Gallery's small-circulation Technical Bulletin which admits, in an apparent volte face. that medieval artists were known to use a final, thin layer of oil and resin to tone down

parts of their work. Such a the attention of Sir Ernst, 87, theory has long been resisted the old man expressed great by the gallery's cleaning exdelight and said "there is now

pens, Mr Daley said. more joy in heaven". Mr Daley said he had been He feared that the cleaning solvents used by the gallery refused access to the Holbein often destroyed those tonal during the cleaning process layers, altering the artistic and had not been allowed to balance of great works and see restorers' dossiers. Not robbing them of subtlety. Things which were once difwere the solvents disclosed. He feared the chemicals used ferent become more equal," he said. The National Gallery by the gallery in past restorations had again been used, and he did not like to predict conducted "the most ferocious cleaning" with solvents of any what they might have done to gallery in the world and was the painting's finish. guilty of "removing varnishes

Last night, however, Martin Wyld, the chief restorer at the National Gallery, dismissed the idea that the gallery had

been "secretive". Everybody who knows about German Renaissance paintings has been in to see The Ambassadors. Over the past three years, several dozen scholars, curators and conservators from museums in this country, and in Europe and America, have seen it twice during its treatment, at the beginning and the end. All national newspaper art critics were also invited at the beginning and end."

Asked why he had refused



Salome by Giampietrino, left, and Veronese's Family of Darius

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# Duke and **Duchess** to stay 'bestest of friends'

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Duchess of York declared yesterday that she would remain "the bestest of riends" with her estranged husband as the couple, and 28 other petitioners, were granted a divorce in their absence in the High Court's Family Division. The hearing lasted less than three minutes.

Under the rubber-stamp simplicity of "quickie" divorce procedure there was no need for either party to be present. Apart from judge and clerk, the only other occupants of the

6The damage to the Royal Family comes from our having higher expectations of them?

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

small and simply furnished courtroom in Somerset House were a petitioner in an entirely different case objecting to costs and 25 reporters. While the hearing was in

ged from her Swiss skiing chalet at Verbier, where she is spending a week's holiday with the couple's children -Princess Beatrice, seven, and Princess Eugenie, six.

She said she and the Duke had spoken by telephone be-fore the hearing. I speak to him every day. The children are well; everyone is well. Our children are very secure and happy children because they know their mother and father are the bestest of friends."

Asked if this was the saddest day of her life, she said: "Yes, 1 would say that was an understatement. It's very sad, of

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course it's sad. It was a personal decision between Andrew and I and no one else was involved." Asked about her future, she said: "We'll

take every day as it comes."

The Duke was at the former marital home in Sunninghill, Berkshire, preparing to drive to work at the Royal Navv base at Portland, Dorset, on his way to weekend exercises in Scandinavia.

Having been granted a decree nisi yesterday, the Duke need only apply by post in six weeks' time for the decree to be made absolute - when the ten-year marriage will be over.

The formal ending of the royal union was in the sharpest of contrasts to its beginning. The couple married in July 1986 in Westminster Abbey before a worldwide television audience of 500 million.

The only grounds for di-vorce given, and the only ones necessary, were that the couple had been separated for at least two years, and that both parties consented.

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know that you're still my bestest friend"

### Peres is urged to continue attacks

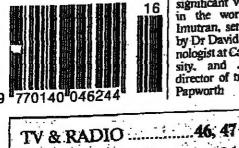
Israel's top military officer in Lebanon has issued an un-precedented challenge to Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, urging him not to order a swift end to the

The intervention by Brigadier-General Giora Inbar has prompted a political dispute about the conduct of the

### Fall in jobless

The Government welcomed an unexpectedly large fall in unemployment yesterday af-ter the number of people out of work and claiming benefit dropped by 25,700 \_\_\_. Page 25

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## Pig heart pioneers win global backer

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of the first pig-to-human transplant moved closer yesterday after the international drug firm. Sandoz Pharma, bought the tiny British company that has pioneered the research.

Two Cambridge scientists, who set up the privately owned company Imutran, be-came the first in the world last year to transplant pigs' hearts into monkeys, overcoming the problem of rejection. They said that they planned to perform the first pig-to-human transplant this year.

There is a global shortage of organ donors and the poten-tial demand is huge. In Britain there are 6,000 people on the official waiting list for organs and 30,000 are waiting in America. Sandoz, the Swissbased multinational, said it was buying Imutran in a multimillion pound deal "to realise the potential of the technology in the shortest possible time."

The deal, the exact size of which is being kept secret, is a significant vote of confidence in the work pioneered by Imutran, set up 12 years ago by Dr David White, an immunologist at Cambridge University, and John Wallwork, Papworth hospital, Cam-

bridge. Dr Wallwork said yesterday that the purchase would ensure their work would go forward. "We said last year that we would do the first human transplant this year if progress continued in the lab and we overcame certain regulatory issues. That

is still the position."

Or Wallwork said it would "probably not" make him a millionaire when account was taken of other investors in imutran. The company was founded by Dr White and Dr Wallwork with Ian Kent, a Cambridge businessman, in 1984 and today has 45

employees.

The company has bred a herd of generically modified pigs by injecting human genes into pig embryos to provide the organs for the crossspecies transplants, known as xenotransplants. Imutran's aim is to breed thousands of genetically modified pigs from vhich organs can be harvested.

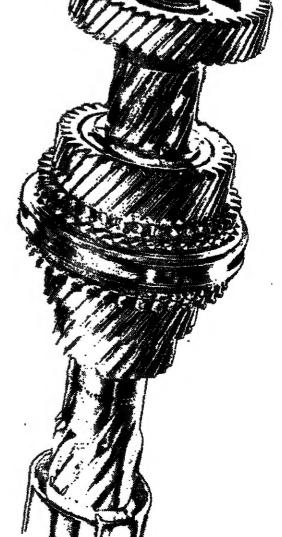
In experiments last year, 18 transgenic pig hearts transplanted into monkeys were still beating up to 60 days later. Normally a pig's heart would turn black and be rejected within two minutes of director of transplantation at being transplanted into

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# Destination unknown as Short steams ahead

IT is often difficult to imagine refreshing, therefore, to find a an MP actually doing any of the jobs on which she or he offers opinions. To the late Reginald Maudling, who as plump President of the Board of Trade complained at how long it took the British worker to build a car, Dennis Skinner once shouted: "An' 'ow long

would it tek you, fats?" The arrow punctured. Yesterday, Michael Fabricant (C, Mid Staffs) spluttered that unlike Labour MPs, he had real experience of engineering, but it was not easy to visualise the strawberry

blond Mr Fabricant in oily overalls, at the lathe. How

debate about trains led by Labour's Transport Spokeswoman, Clare Short. Ms Short is one of the few MPs it is possible to picture driving a steam engine.

Fresh from her tax gaffe and opening the debate on Railtrack, her locomotive skills were now on trial. From her cab at the dispatch box, Driver Short checked the Labour train coupled behind her. It boasted many carriages,

including a couple of afterlunch sleeping cars. for (by contrast to the Tories) the Opposition had turned out in force. You cannot say Labour



the station. Warm cheers from is a very sleek train, a highthe Labour benches sustained speed train or even a Sprinter: a distinctly mixed train, but at least they are all hitched Driver Short was nervous. Consulting her handwritten together these days, on the notes, she wobbled but was same track and more or less never quite derailed. Clatterwilling to be hauled along, ing over the points she tried a groaning a bit, in the same

little clumsily to hitch up From the corner, standing carriages from Northern Irein the shadows, wary Chief Signalman (and Whip) Dewland, reminding Ulster MPs that their railways too faced privatisation, and inviting ar, watched, eyes hooded, as Ms Short's train pulled out of their votes. Gathering mo-

mentum and confidence, she took the parliamentary equivalent of wet leaves on the line — a scripted joke about tax at speed and with courage. She made it through with

A Tory vandal, Patrick Nicholls (Teignbridge) lobbed bricks on to the line, in the form of a sneer at the erstwhile British Rail: but they were quickly crushed and she steamed on.

In all this she was much encouraged by Stoker Prescott. Labour's Deputy Leader kept up a rumble of growls. cheers and gestures in her

Driver Short: "This is very important indeed." Stoker Prescott: "Absolute-

ly! Grrr ... Driver Short: "Railtrack issued a false prospectus." Stoker Prescott: "Like the

Tory manifesto! Grrr ... ' Then she approached a tricky junction just a shade fast Labour would increase the efficiency of the railways, she gabbled. A Tory tried to throw the points: "How?" he

"With higher levels of investment," she countered, still on track.

Young tried to throw the next

Transport Minister George

that remark about investment," he said, craftily, Where from?"

"Public/private partnerships," wobbled Short, Stoker Prescott waved a volume of Labour's proposals for partnerships. Rattled but on track, Short clattered on.

Where, ultimately, this train is going remains unclear. Important junctions lie ahead, and Thin Controller Tony Blair has a timetable of his own. But sketchwriters (we trainspotters of the parliamentary world) returned to Thermos flasks yesterday with no accident to report.

Publisher withdraws 'racist' IQ book

A book that claims black people are less intelligent than white people has been withdrawn by the publisher. John Wiley & Sons said the author, Chris Brand, had made "repelient" assertions in his book The g Factor. General Intelligence and its Implications, due to be launched today. Mr Brand, a psychology lecturer at Edinurgh University who describes himself as a scientific racist, said the decision was stupid and cowardly". He is seeking legal advice. Stu-dents at the university have asked that he be removed as their lecturer.

Sex case acquittal

Donald Madeod, 55, a Free Church of Scotland professor of theology, was acquitted in Edinburgh of one charge of alleged victim said the attack happened a year earlier than the date on the charge sheet. The trial continues on five assault, involving five which the professor

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The Ministry of Defence last night refused to accept a claim by the parents of Louise Jensen, the 22-year-old Dutch girl killed by three Royal Green Jackets soldiers in Cyprus, that the Army was partially responsible for her death. But the ministry confirmed that any claim from. Poul and Anette Jensen for compensation would be treated "sympathetically"....

Killer locked up

A man who stabbed as acdemic to death at York University and wandered round the campus in her clothes was sent to a secure hospital indefinitely by Leeds Crown Court. Robin Pask, 34, from a Bolton, Greater Manchester. admitted the manslaughter of Elizabeth Howe, 34, on the grounds of diminished responsibility while attending an Open University course.

Driver free

careless driving

Philip Hackwell. 29, who bundled an unconscious he had killed her in a car accident, was given a sus-pended eight-mouth sentence at Ipswich Crown Court for trying to pervert justice. He freed her when she banged on the lid. He was banned for 12 months and fined £100 for

Protest at editor

More than 170 journalists at the Financial Times passed a vote of no confidence in the paper's editor, Richard Lambert, and his deputy, Andrew Gowers, in protest at proposed job cuts. Six staff on the picture desk are to be made redundant and 16 subeditors have been told their six-month employment contracts would not be renewed.

Henry Hodge, the Law Sociely council member who

Potter award

A drama script idea about a

### Major refuses to pander to the 'reckless' Right FROM JILL SHERMAN IN PRAGUE AND PHILIP WEBSTER with senior MPs criticising an JOHN MAJOR let it be shadowed the launch of the Conservative and Labour local election campaigns. early morning outburst by Brian Mawhinney yesterday known last night that he would resist pressure for radi-When Ms MacGregor rein which he accused a BBC cal right-wing policies after minded Dr Mawhinney that the Tories' drubbing at the in 1990 the Tories had "got rid

Dr Mawhinney at a news conference yesterday. He was unrepentant about his attack in an interview.

interviewer of suggesting the Tories should "dump the Staffordshire by-election last

Prime Minister". The Prime Minister told The party chairman, who senior colleagues that he reremained unrepentant about garded demands for hefty tax his attack on Radio 4's Today cuts as "reckless and silly" and presenter Sue MacGregor, he has made plain that he will was accused by some colnot be pushed into a panic leagues of having chosen the Cabinet reshuffle to restore wrong target in attacking a the Tories' fortunes. His firm respected journalist with a reputation for fairness, and of line emerged amid a fresh outbreak of Conservative tenhanding ammunition to Labsions over the party's plight our. The angry exchange over-

Sue MacGregor was accused during an interview

of calling for the Tories to dump Mr Major

exploded.
"What you have just suggested to me in front of the nation is that we should dump the Prime Minister," he said. You drew the parallel with Mrs Thatcher and that is a ludicrous and indefensible question and if you think I'm annoyed with you it is because it is that kind of smeary question by Today programme presenters which so annoys people who listen to this programme up and down

seats,

Labour accused the Tory chairman of trying to "bully" the BBC and professed themselves so delighted by his "tantrum" that they replayed the interview to journalists attending the faunch of their council election campaign.

John Prescott said: "I must

of the poll tax and Margaret

Thatcher, and suggested the

party would have to do something equally dramatic to avoid losing more council

Dr Mawhinney

thank the Tory chairman for blurting out what is really being thought by most Tory MPs at the moment — dump backing Mr Mawhinney. the Prime Minister.

He added: "We will be keeping a very wary eye on the BBC to make sure they do not cave in in the face of the orchestrated campaign of in-timidation being led by a desperate, rattled and incompetent Mr Mawhinney."

The Today programme stood its ground and a spokesman insisted its presenters would not change their interviewing style. "We believe Sue completely justified and pertinent," he said.

But Mr Mawhinney's supporters said his attack had been justified. It echoed the stream of letters received at Conservative Central Office suggesting that the programme was tough on the Tories and soft on Labour. One said the Tories had taken 60 telephone calls yesterday

jittery atmosphere among Tory MPs has been heightened by persistent sug-gestions by informed Westminster sources that the decision to hold the Staffordshire South-East by-election last Thursday was taken against the advice of Mr Mawhinney, who wanted it to be held on the day of the local elections next month in order to get the bad news out of the way on the same day. It is said that Mr Major overruled the advice because he wanted to observe the convention that the by-election be called with-

the former MP. Mr Major's supporters have in turn complained that the campaign was not well-run and have accused the organisers of failing to warn

in three months of the death of

him how bad the result could be. Friends say that he remains shaken by the scale of the near 14,000 reverse.

The Prime Minister, who flew to Prague yesterday on a four-day tour of Eastern Europe, has effectively rejected the demand of John Redwood, whom he defeated for the leadership last year, for "a moral crusade in tax cutting' and a shift to the right on Europe. Mr Major told colleagues yesterday that he had no intention of changing tack to suit his critics. "Judge me on my record. he has told

Mr Major has made clear that tax cuts cannot be considered in isolation and must be weighed against public spending commitments and plans. "You cannot do anything in isolation," he has said. "You have to look at the public

expenditure side and public commitments. Mr Major is determined the

Government is not seen to panic after the Staffordshire defeat or the expected bad result in the May local elections. He has indicated that no early reshuffle is on the cards and he may not even carry one out in July. He has told friends that he has not even started reshuffling his ministers in spite of continual reports that one or other is to be dropped. "People say it's July so there must be a reshufile."

The Prime Minister has voiced strong doubts over whether there will be any further defectors. Nevertheless his cautious approach to tax cuts will appeal to any considering jumping ship.

Peter Riddell, page 8

# Cook signals return to values of 'old' Labour

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK raised the banner of the Labour Left speech in which he committed the party to protecting the poor. strengthening union links and increasing earnings for the low paid, The Shadow Foreign Secre-

tary set out a hard-line approach to reversing Tory policies, claiming that Labour would be the party of "social

In language far removed from that used by Tony Blair last week. Mr Cook under-lined Labour's commitment to equality and community, making the most vulnerable in society the party's first priority

in government. While Mr Blair used last week's visit to the US to emphasise the party's new centre-ground image. Mr Cook stressed its commitment to maintaining traditional Labour values. Mr Cook's speech to the Scottish Trades Union Congress was hailed by Labour traditionalists as sending a clear signal to the leadership to avoid further moves to the Right.

Against nervousness among Scottish Labour activists over the party's direction, Mr Cook mapped out a strategy based on equality and community, in which low pay, poverty and unemployment would be the first targets. The poor may be

taxpayers, but they get a tenth of the public attention." he said. "Labour must speak for the poor. We must do it because our values of equality and community make us the party of social solidarity.
"Because each of us under-

stands that if we accept a society that does not help those who are vulnerable and weak, then it will not help us when we are vulnerable and weak."

As the most prominent left-

roots. His role in overseeing



many times more than top the development of party policy has reassured some back-benchers that traditional Labour values will be protected. Far from pitching for the middle-ground from which Labour has captured many Tory votes, Mr Cook said that Labour's bid for power would

wing Shadow Cabinet member. Mr Cook is viewed by Labour's traditional wing as pivotal in preventing the party moving away from its socialist

While Mr Cook did not stray from established policy, he set a very distinctive tone in a speech from which the term "new Labour" was conspiciously absent How-ever, Mr Blair's aides were keen to point out that the speech had been written with

the leader's agreement. ☐ Ken and Barbara Follett accepted undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over a column by Anne Robinson in Today newspaper which questioned the sincerity of their fundraising activities for the Labour Party. News (UK) Ltd. publishers

benefit the poorest. "We want

power so that we can use it in

the interest of justice, not for the interest of the privileged.

And we want power so that we

can share it with the people of

our nation from whom it has

been taken."

of the paper until its recent closure, its former editor, Richard Stott, and Miss Robinson accepted that the attack went beyond legitimate polit-

# Law resignation

fought unsuccessfully against Martin Mears for the presidency last year, is resigning after 12 years. Mr Hodge, 52 who is taking up a part-time post with the Legal Aid Board, said he thought the Law Society, under its week. Law Society, under its present leadership, was becoming "a bit of a laughing stock".

young man who falls in love with a travelling salesman has won the £10,000 Dennis Potter Play of the Year Award. Glasgow playwright John Milarky's "outline" submission for his play Lak A Note To Follow Sok will be made into Allow Sok will be made into a television drama. The award goes to playwrights

# Gallery accused of art 'blunders'

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Daley, he said: "We've shown him a great many restorers' dossiers in the past. We tend to restrict access to these working-notes to experts in the field.

"As for the Giampietrino work, Mr Daley has confused an oil layer and a varnish layer exactly as he accuses restorers of doing. What was found on Giampetrino's Christ Carrying the Cross was a glazing layer of brown oil paint, not varnish. Like all oil lavers, it has dried extremely hard and no such glazing layer could be removed acci-

dently. There is still no evidence that a coloured varnish layer was ever used in the way that Mr Daley suggests. Such coloured oil paint layers are extremely rare in Renaissance painting - there was no sign. for example, of any such layer in the other Giampetrino painting in the National Gal-

In an attempt to back up his claims. Mr Daley produced "before and after" photo-graphs of Giampietrino's Sa-lome. Before cleaning, the areas near the severed head of John the Baptist were cast in shadow - a moral statement by the artist, Mr Daley sug-

gested, with the artist deploy-ing tonal values to create a definite effect. After its restoration the painting has lost those subtleties, and is much lighter. A 1956 restoration of Veronese's Family of Darius Before Alexander the Great produced similar effects.

However, Mr Wyld dismissed the criticism of Salome. "He may have looked at a dark print and a light print without seeing the actual work. If anything, in reality, it is just as dark and the contrasts [are] accentuated by the cleaning," he said.

Mr Daley and Artwarch first expressed their lears to

Nicholas Baring, the National Gallery chairman, in a letter last September. More than a month later Mr Baring replied to say that he was "satisfied that the conservation and scientific specialists of the gallery are fully in touch with new developments". Mr Baring cleaning moratorium suggested by Artwatch.

At the end of his lecture Mr Daley was surrounded by art lovers. Mr Daley, who repeated a call for a restoration moratorium at the gallery. quoted the words of Degas: "A man who touches a picture

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A GERMAN-born pensioner who says that she was wrongly interned as an enemy alien during the Second World War has been granted legal aid to seek compensation from the Government. Gertrude Timmis, 78, a widow, said that she decided to sue more than 50 years after the end of the war because she cannot forget the humiliation she endured. She spent three years in prisons and camps

and says that she was victimised. Mrs Timmis, who lives in Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, says that she should have been exempt from internment because her stepbrother served in the Royal Navy. I feel very bitter about what happened to me and when I remember the conditions in prison and the abuse I got when I hadn't done anything wrong. I feel sick to the bottom of my stomach. I am not being greedy. I just want my name cleared. "I was given the worst

chores and made to work really hard. The criminals were given better treatment than me. We were stripped to the skin and given internal examinations. We were treated like animals."

The decision to intern thousands of people was controversial at the time. In August 1940, a letter to The Times described the policy as "conceived in panic and . . . incapa-



Gertrude Timmis: jail cooks spat in her food

ble of sober justification". The writers, who included Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Gilbert Murray and H.G. Wells, called for an end to the practice, describing internment as cruel.

Mrs Timmis was interned in 1941, ten years after her arrival in Britain at the age of 13. Her mother, who died when Mrs Timmis was a child, had settled here after marrying a Scotsman, Mrs Timmis was still using her German name of Stang because she had not been

Her stepbrother George Ad-

German-born

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legally adopted.

dison, on whom the case hinges, died when his ship, the

The Home Office confirmed that Mrs Timmis had been held under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act of 1939. It said that it was not aware of any payments having been made to former internees.

compensation for the three years of my life and the wages

Mrs Timmis, one of 23,000 people of German and Austrian origin who were interned, was held at Winson Green Birmingham; Holloway, north London: Liverpool and the Isle of Man. She said that at Holloway the cooks spat in her food and she went on hunger strike to get a

She was released in 1944 on condition that she agreed to be repatriated but managed to remain in Britain: "They just forgot about me." She has a slight German accent and said that some people in her home town still refused to accept

Nicholas Jacobs, who has published a book on the subject, The Internment Aliens by Francois Lafitte, said: "It is very brave of her to do this. There was never a general apology for this panic measure - I think because the Government feared legal action. It is now considered by historians to have been unnecessary. Some people were extremely badly treated."



Drill Sergeant Robertson has a friendly word with a military detainee at Colchester

# Army assures its reluctant guests that camp will be no tea party

By Michael Horsnell

SHORT back and sides, military fatigues and square-bashing were highlights of the regime announced yesterday for young offenders when the Prison Service's much-heralded "boot camp" opened its doors for inspection.

The Young Offender Institution (YOI) in the garrison town of Colchester will take 32 inmates from this autumn, alongside 200 military detainees, at a cost of over £1 million a year. Lieutenant Colonel Glen Grant, the commandant, said: "Reveille will be at 0600 hours. You can be sure we shan't be taking them a cup of

tea when we wake them up."
Colonel Grant, who will be the military governor of the institution, added: "It's not a harsh regime. There's no cruelty or any attempt to demean anyone. It's not The Hill, but it's hard."

The military ethos of the camp, which is within the confines of the Military Corrective Training Centre for Army, Royal Navy and RAF offenders, is what Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, hopes will prove to be a telling step in tackling the problem of persistent offenders.

She said: "The Home Secretary and I have been impressed by what goes on at the MCTC. The sense of discipline, of smartness, of calm and, most importantly, of achievement, is clear as one walks around and talks to

"We decided that we would like to test whether the military approach to custody could benefit civilian young offenders and be effective in reducing the level of reoffending among them."

In spite of criticism within the Prison Service, officials pointed out that while there was 70 per cent recidivism among young civilian offenders, only 7 per cent of military detaines reoffended. Miss Widdecombe, who disclosed details of the venture in a namentary answer in the Commons earlier yesterday, prove her right when she

visited the institution. At the glasshouse farm, where servicemen were concreting a new slurry base for the pigs. Staff Sergeant Mike Baron said: "Shovelling muck all day can be fairly arduous."

The farm and education centre, where motor mainte-nance, carpentry, bricklaying and decorating skills are taught, are intended to provide a purpose in life for the young offenders, who will spend six months with the Army after being judged

Compulsory gym each day, parade calls and inspections are intended to provide "backbone". Only bayonet drills and target practice will be absent from the civilian programme.

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, who attended yesterday's open day, said: This scheme is not intended to provide a source of ready recruits to the armed forces, as I have heard described. What we can do is pass on military skills to help the Prison Service deal with a worrying social problem. This is an important and exciting initiative. Self-confidence, selfesteem and self-belief can be imparted to civilians as well as military detainees and this is our aim.

The 32 will live in F-block, apart from military detainees, but will mix with servicemen for educational classes and vocational training. A barber will visit the block twice a week to ensure that haircuts are military length.

Richard Tilt. Director-General of the Prison Service, said: "I fully support the pilot scheme. It offers the opportunity to develop self-esteem and self-worth. This is an excellent training. custodial establishment."

The scheme, which will cost £28,700 per young offender compared with no more than £18,000 in a normal institution, will be kept under constant review.

Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, described the initiative as an admission of the found military staff anxious to Government's failure to tackle youth crime.

# INTERNMENT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir.— We hope that the communication from nine London correspondents of leading newspapers in Juni-neutral European countries, published in your essue of August 16, will awaken the public to the widespread damage inflicted on our prestige not only in European countries but also in America by the policy of wholesale internment. Cruelty is inherent in it mbereot in it

included H.G. Wells among the signatories

# Plea for calm after PC is shot in city's spiralling gang war

A POLICE officer shot in his home by two masked gunnen may have been the victim of mistaken identity in a territory war between Liverpool drug gangs. The attack was the fifth shooting on Merseyside since Saturday.

Senior officers described the wounding as the "reckless, cowardly acts of barbarians" yesterday and appealed for calm across the city which last year recorded the nation's fastest-rising crime rate.

PC Stephen Hardy. 26, was asleep at home in West Derby, four miles from the city centre, with his girlfriend Caroline Kennedy and 12-month-old baby son when he was woken by a crashing noise down-stairs. He believed he was being burgled but instead he was confronted by two gun-men and told to lie down on the bedroom floor. He was trying to dial 999 when both men opened fire with handguns. The officer was hit four

times in the legs and arm. The gunmen escaped from the modern cul-de-sac in a BMW car that was later found abandoned. PC Hardy, based at Marsh Lane police station, Bootle, had surgery at Liverpool's Fazakerley Hospital, where his condition was



Hardy: wounded four times at home

described as serious but stable. A man living on the estate said PC Hardy could have been the victim of a mistake; a known criminal lived in the area but had fled almost two weeks ago.

James Sharples, the chief constable, said PC Hardy had not been involved in any major crime investigation or large operation since he joined the force in 1993, and added:

Sharples said the spiralling gun violence of recent days had left him "desperately worried" and he warned criminals that they would be confronted with force by his officers.

The behaviour by criminals in the city inevitably runs the risk of injury to innocent members of the public, as well as others. This will not be tolerated," he said.

Turf wars over the drug distribution business were be-lieved to be behind many of the shooting incidents. Other factors, such as personality clashes, could also have triggered disputes.

The current spate of shootings began on Saturday, when three men were kneecapped" after going drinking in a pub in Wavertree, two miles from the city centre. On Sunday a pregnant woman escaped unharmed after a house in Wavertree was sprayed with bullets in a drive-by shooting. In the early hours of Tues-

day morning, masked gun-men burst into two houses. Liam McGee, 18, was in bed with his girlfriend when he was shot in the legs four times in Anfield. A 24-year-old man was shot in the legs as he watched television in Bootle. "There are a number of different lines of inquiry." Mr Paul Stephenson, the assistant chief constable, described the gold and driving BMWs."

gunmen as cowardly barbar-ians and said that police were facing a "very fluid, volatile

Police will also look into possible links between recent attacks and events that followed last May's shooting death of David Ungi, 36, who was associated with a major gang in the Dingle/Toxteth area of Liverpool. There was an outbreak of tit-for-tat shootings as rival gangs bat-

tled for territory. The power and wealth of the gangs was illustrated by Ungi's funeral procession, which almost equalled the east London turnout for Ronnie Kray's burial. There were 31 black limousines for mourn-ers and £12,000 behind the bar for the wake.

Recorded crime rose by 12 per cent last year and drug trafficking alone rose by 60 per cent. In the past 15 months there have been five murders, 53 woundings, and 432 armed robberies on the Liverpool

Three or four drug networks are believed to have formed round criminal clans. A senior detective said: These are long-established groups who once burgled and robbed banks. Now they are in drugs.

### Student 'chose to die in library' taken an overdose of at least 39 understand him. She said: bought. His death came just

BY OLIVER AUGUST

A STUDENT killed himself in his favourite library while reading about death in the Greek classics. Richard Metcalf, 18, was found dead at Winchester College days after winning a place to read classics at Oxford University. an inquest was told yesterday.

He surrounded himself with he works of Sophocles before laking a drug overdose and lying on a pile of cushions. His parents believe he was reading Sophocles's tragedy Electra, in which the heroine mourns the death of her father and her brother plots to kill

their mother. Richard's mother Carolyn, rubbish bin at the library. 41, decided to read Electra after her son's death to try to

"Richard had spent many months reclassifying the coll-ege library. He felt secure a suicide note. there and maybe that's why he chose to die there. It may have been his way of leaving some by Peter Roberts, his sort of legacy and becoming a housemaster, on the night permanent part of the

His father Philip, 40, said:
"We believe Richard felt so
happy at college he did not
want to leave. Even though he was a brilliant academic he may have been too sensitive to face the adult world."

The alarm was raised by a fellow pupil at the £13,000-ayear school and an empty pill bottle was discovered in a The inquest at Winchester

Distalgesic painkilling tablets last January but did not leave Richard, who worked as a college librarian, was last seen

before his death. Mr Roberts said: "He was very fond of the library. Each week he dealt with the catalogue for the library, which was used by a small number of boys to work. The last time I saw him was at llpm in one of the college's towers when I went to lock up the doors,"

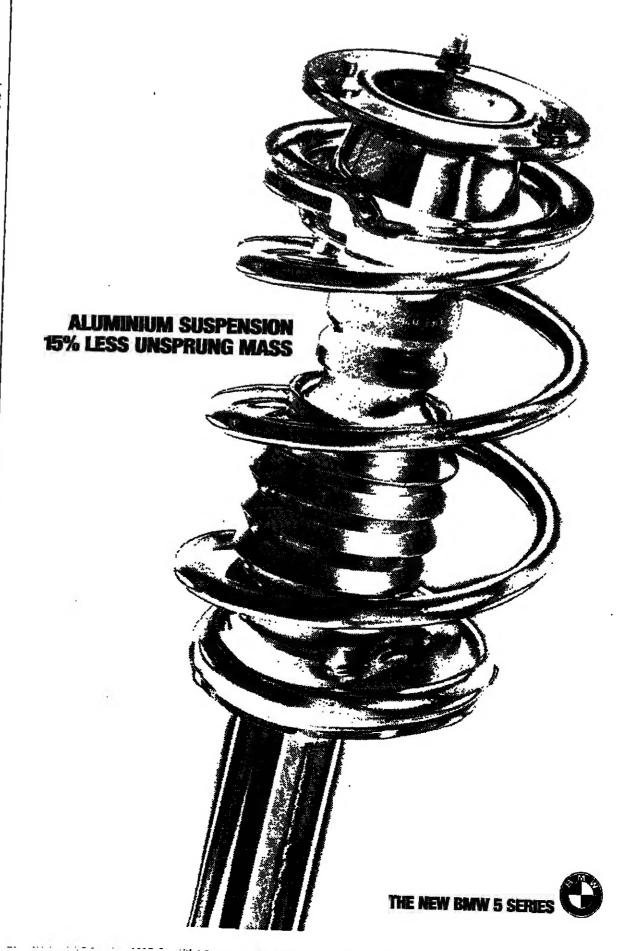
Richard had reorganised the small library at the top of the tower which caters for the school's 70 scholars. They had been asked by him to list the was told that the student had books they would like to have

after he had won a guaranteed place to study classics at Merton College. This should have taken all academic pressure off him, Mr Roberts said.

But Richard had suffered from a serious depressive illness and had been prescribed anti-depressants in 1994, although Dr John Davies, Winchester College medical officer, said he seemed to be over the illness last

Dr Davies said: "It was agreed his academic programme should be made lighter. By September 1995 he appeared to be very positive and at that stage was off all medication."

An open verdict was recorded.



# Duchess writes new future as marriage saga comes to end

Queen, but the Duchess will

need to reduce her personal

living costs. She may choose to move from her rented house in

Wentworth, Surrey, which

costs £72,000 a year, to

Sunninghill Park, the Duke's

Berkshire residence. It is un-

derstood that initial estimates

for converting the stables to

THE Duchess of York is expected to trim her expenses. move into a converted stable block and take up her pen as a unildren's author again in order to make ends meet after

With a modest sum of E500,000 awarded as part of her settlement, the Duchess is likely to exploit new markets in the Far East and America for her Budgie the Little Helicopter books and spin-off products.

adventures of a freckle-faced little princess will be published in America in October and further works are in the pipeline, according to publishing sources.

The financial future of Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice has been secured with a £1.4 million trust fund from the

domestic use have been reduced by £300,000. The move would have its financial advantages: electricity, water and gas could be provided by the Duke and the Two new books about the couple might be able to pool their staff. At the moment the Duchess spends £32,000 a month on a team of servants. Some reports have suggested that the Duchess was

desperate to continue to be known as Her Royal Highness, but one friend said she was better off without the title.

> spokeswoman for Bantam Doubleday in New York said. The Duchess's royalties from Budgie are expected to accelerate in the next few vears. Fox Television has commissioned a fourth series of Budgie cartoons in a deal said to be worth £1.3 million. The little helicopter appears on merchandise from toys to mugs and t-shirts in more than 30 countries.

"It frees her to be able to go

around the world, getting publicity for her work and

making money without worry-

ing if it is embarrassing to the

The Duchess can look fo-

ward to publication of The

Royal Switch and Bright

Lights in America in October.

The stories feature Amanda,

an II-year-old red-haired prin-

cess, and Emily, a poor little rich girl from Manhattan. The

pair travel the world doing

good deeds and getting into

scrapes. Some sources said the

publishing deal with Bantam

Doubleday Included an advance payment of £300,000. The books will sell at \$14.95

and merchandising is a possi-bility. "No formal merchan-

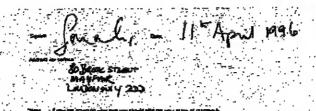
dising deal has been made, but if the books are a success

then it is certainly something

that we would look at," a

Royal Family at home.

The Duchess of York faced a barrage of reporters and cameramen yesterday. Below: documents of the decree nisi



year to October 1995. The forecast for this year is a £1.17 million profit, but that includes profits for the company's other cartoon characters. such as Potsworth.

Sleepy Kids has always refused to disclose the Duchess's share of the profits, but most industry experts estimate bigger market than America for some cartoons and Thomas the Tank Engine is a great success in Tokyo.

The Duchess has recognised the potential of the Far East and is discussing ways of breaking into the market with businessmen in America and Hong Kong. David Tang, the

porter of her work. It is understood that the Duchess's discussions with Ray Chambers, a New Jersey millionaire, and his associates have concentrated on his contacts in the Far East. The Duchess emerged from her meeting with Mr Chambers in January declaring that her financial problems, then said to include debts of up to 53

The subject of boyfriends

the Duchess, who will never escape the embarrassment of her liaison with John Bryan. her so-called financial adviser. The Duchess's latest beau is said to be Thomas Muster, a muscular Austrian tennis player whose former girlfriend blamed her for the couple's break-up.

It seems likely that whatever her romantic and financial future, the Duchess's staunchest friend will remain

A 'slight difference' in divorce court's day

BY FRANCES GIBB

JUDGE Angel's court rarely excites the interest of the media. On perhaps half a dozen occasions in his time as senior district judge m London's principal divorce registry has it been the centre of attention.

Those occasions, as yesterday, were the endings of royal marriages or those with royal associations. In 1995, sitting in court two, he read out the decree nisi of Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles: in 1992 that of the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips.

in general, however, the activities of the divorce registry go largely unnoticed. Each day there are the decrees to be announced in open court by Judge Angel or one of his 18 colleagues. After that, it is off with wigs and gowns and into applications relating to the Children Act, financial settlements or procedural matters in any legal actions.

Apart from the royal decrees, Judge Angel made the headlines once before when, in: 1991, he accused divorce lawyers of carrying out costly and . useless inquiries into parties' finances. He urged action to prevent cases such as the one in which a couple started with £400,000 and spent "a quarter of their fortune to become poorer".

Yesterday Robin West, chief clerk in the family proceedings department of the registry, would admit only that the day had been "slightly different" from the run of the mill.



By STEPHEN FARRELL AND JOANNA BALE

INFIDELITY, growing apart and concern for the children were among the causes given for 28 broken marriages listed in the High Court in London on the same day as the Duke and Duchess of

Of 58 unhappy partners, the only one to appear in person at the three-minute hearing was Carlo Giambrone, an unemployed me-chanic and self-confessed adulterer from Notting Hill. London. Mr Giambrone, 28. objected to

paying the costs of his wife's

benefit. Expecting an empty courtroom, he was bewildered to find the end of his seven-year marriage the subject of intense scrutiny.

He and his Greek-Cypriot wife Andrulla, like the Yorks, stay in contact because of their sons Kristos, aged six, and Mario, nine months. Neither ever expects to marry again.

They met in a nightclub in the West End of London in 1987. married at Fulham Register Office two years later and celebrated properly at a traditional ceremony in Cyprus.

The honeymoon over, they re-

turned to Britain to conditions very different from the Yorks. living in a dingy one-bedroom flat.

"I had to sleep on the sofa, and my wife had a single bed in a bedroom that was no bigger than an ordinary bathroom. It took us two and a half years to get out of there, and by then things were not so good," he said.

Mr Giambrone met another woman when his wife went on holiday in 1994, and he moved out. Of the Duke and Duchess's divorce he said: "I can see a lot of similarities between our break-ups in that we both have children and we both remain friends. When you have got kids involved you have to be friends. They are so clever they can sense if there is any animosity between the two of you.

"I was surprised at all the attention. I didn't realise Andrew and Fergie were on the same list as me. It was a big surprise, all the fuss, and all I wanted was a quiet

Mrs Giambrone, 28. a social worker, described the early days of the marriage as "brilliant", but said her husband soon began to miss his single life. "Although he was very good at caring for his son he was never there for me," She said. "Prior to last month I hated

him because I was very, very bitter at what he had done. But at the end of the day you have to have some kind of relationship for the sake of

"Andy and Fergie will also know by now that you have to work at a marriage. But I married one man twice and I would never marry another man again."

Andrew Rothery, a London accountant working for Arthur An-dersen, petitioned his wife Korina for a quickie divorce after moving out of the family home in Sidcup, southeast London, in November 1993. He now now lives in Lee. southeast London. Asked to state

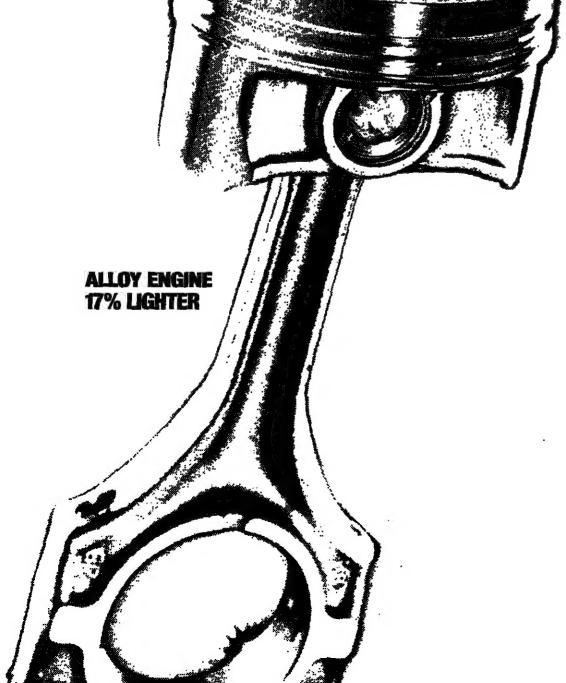
briefly the reason for the separa-tion, his affidavit said simply: "Very little time spent together due to work commitments, and we had no interests in common

"It was difficult to agree on things and there were a lot of arguments. During November 1993 it became clear that neither of us was able to live happily together and it was unfair on the children to be surrounded by unhappiness, so we agreed to separate." the affidavit continued.

He yesterday refused to elaborate, insisting it was a private matter. "It is far too embarrassing



Carlo Giambrone: "All I wanted was a quiet day"



# Brussels officials reaching for small print to defend beef ban

From Charles Bremner in strasbourg and Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE European Commission brushed off Britain's legal challenge to the export ban on its beef yesterday but Brussels officials privately admitted that aspects of their case might not stand up in the European

John Major is expected to press Britain's demands for an early lifting of the ban with Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission. when they meet in Moscow later this week at the G7 nuclear safety summit. Mr Major requested the meeting in a letter sent to Mr Santer on Tuesday night.

"Mr Santer is very happy to talk to Mr Major and is very open to an exchange of views," a Commission spokesman said. "I think other heads of Government may well be involved. Mr Major will be heard by Mr Santer, but the Commission's position has been made very clear. We have a ban for which there is a legal basis and it will be for the European Court of Justice to deal with that matter."

said they would take up arms to protect their herds against further culling of their cattle if that was Europe's price for removing the ban.

Leading a 250-strong delegation to lobby MPs at West-minster, Bob Parry, the president of the Farmers' Union of Wales, declared: The European Commissioner has said that British beef is safe to eat, so why are we suffering? Our farmers are willing to protect their ani-mals by getting guns if it is

In Strasbourg, Lamberto Dini, the Italian prime minister, said the ban on British beef exports should be lifted when the scientific evidence showed that it was safe to do so. "We want the ban removed as soon as possible," he said.

Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, precipitated the British legal challenge by his statement last weekend that he would have no hesitation in eating British beef and his admission that the ban had been imposed in response to consumer panic and not on

had presented detailed proposals for eradicating "mad cow" disease from the national cattle herd.

There is doubt about the legality of an embargo based on preserving public confidence and saving the EU beef industry from collapse. Article 129 of the Maastricht treaty covers consumer protection but it allows only for "action which supports and supplements the policy pursued by the Member states to protect the health, safety and economic interests of consumers." In

health grounds. Gerard Kiely, Herr Fischler's spokesman, said there would be no reconsider-ation of the ban until Britain

Commission yesterday said that public health was the central issue. Legal experts were also combing the EU's founding treaties to justify the ban on exports to non-EU countries. Officials repeated that this

an apparent reflection of this,

the re-importation of suspect In France, Philippe Vasseur, the agriculture minister, accused Britain of reneging on a commitment to carry

was to protect consumers from

# BSE deaths 'could be two million'

French farmers to be compensated

The French Government is to pay compensation to the owners of 76,000 calves of British origin quarantined on French farms in the wake of the "mad cow" scare. The

French Agriculture Minister Philippe Vasseur said that the

animals would be destroyed over the next two or three

months. French authorities have refused to allow calves of

British origin into the country since March 28, following the British government's admission of a possible link between BSE and CJD.

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A LEADING scientist Keith Meldrum, the Chief alarmed and bewildered MPs yesterday with a barrage of . statistics suggesting that the number of deaths from eating meat infected with "mad cow" disease could be as few as 10 or more than two million.

Dr Stephen Dealler, a consultant medical microbiologist, described the upper figure as "a worst-case scenario". He also said that the risk from eating beef now with new safeguards in place, was "absolutely minimal".

Dr Dealler offered the esti-

mate at a joint session of the Commons Agriculture and Health Select committees called to consider the latest evidence on BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, the counterpart condition in humans. Others giving evidence included Sir Kenneth Calman, the Government's

Veterinary Officer, and Professor John Pattison, head of the Government's advisory committee on BSE. When Edward Leigh, Con-

servative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, and a self-professed beef-eater, pressed Dr Dealler to say what his own chances of contracting CJD from BSE-infected meat were. Dr Dealler replied, to laughter: "Between zero and 100 per cent."
Professor Pattison told the

MPs that Dr Dealler's figures represented the "possible range of what might happen". but added: "The longer we go on without a significant rise in the number of CID cases, the greater the chance that [the number of deaths caused by BSE| will be at the low end of the range. I do not think the risk is as high as Dr Dealler thinks. It would be very sur-

prising if there is no species barrier between cows and human beings. It would also be very surprising if [BSE] infection is ever found in muscle meat (as opposed to

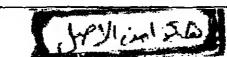
Dr Dealler said he had arrived at his estimates by looking at the potential times when people might have be-come infected and the number of infected cattle likely to have entered the food chain each year. He assumed that no one would have been infected after November, 1989, when the offal ban took effect.

The committee also heard evidence from Dr Harash Narang, a clinical virologist who formerly worked for the Public Health Laboratory Service in Newcaste upon Tyne. who claims to have made a breakthrough in developing a test to detect BSE in the urine of live carde. Dr Narang, who

repeatedly clashed with Sir Kenneth and Mr Meldrum over his claims that the Government had obstructed his research, said: "The urine test, used on farms, could eradicate any remaining BSE by identifying cattle with the disease so

that they could be removed." The value of such a test is that it would avoid the need to destroy thousands of healthy animals merely to eliminate those with BSE. At present the disease can be confirmed definitely in cattle only by analysis

of brain tissue after death. Mr Meldrum said Drock Narang had failed to produce any evidence that his test worked. Sir Kenneth said Dr Narang's research had been taken seriously, but other scientists who had looked at earlier work of his on detecting nemavirus in brain tissue had been unable to repeat his





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# Howard 'misused power' on Bulger killers' sentence

MICHAEL HOWARD misused his powers and pandered to popular public outrage when he ordered that the schoolboy killers of James Bulger be detained for at least 15 years, the High Court was

The Home Secretary "erred in law" by treating Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, then aged ten, as if they were adults when he increased their minimum sentence from ten to 15 years, taking no account of social and psychiatric reports.

Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for Venables, said Mr Howard had also used a petition with organised by the Bulger family and thousands of letters from the public calling for a longer sentence as a basis for his decision. "A judge would throw them in the bin if he received a series of petitions from the public saving, 'When you sentence so and so, make sure you give him 15 years." Mr Fitzgerald said. "What judge in the kingdom would say. 'I am going to pass a sentence of 15 years on a child



Lawyers for Thompson, left, and Venables say the Home Secretary did not consider their welfare

detained at Her Majesty's

easure. The juveniles, now

12 and held at a secure unit in

northern England, accepted

responsibility "for the tragic death of their victim". But Mr

Howard had wrongly exer-

cised his discretion in requir-

ing the boys to first serve a

period of 15 years to "satisfy

the requirements of retribu-

Mr Fitzgerald said the

tion and general deterrence".

without social or psychiatric

Lawvers for the boys, who admitted abducting two-yearold James and murdering him beside a railway line in Merseyside in 1993, are seeking a judicial review of the Home Secretary's decision.

Mr Fitzgerald told Lord Justice Pill. sitting with Mr Justice Newman, that there was no challenge to the correctness of the convictions or

tence of detention during Her Majesty's pleasure, imposed on luveniles, and a mandatory life term given to adult mur-derers. This was contrary to the tradition of every civilised country that children should be treated differently to adults. The QC accused Mr How-

ard of taking over the classic udicial function of sentencing. No other country would have situation such as this where a child as young as ten can have a punitive sentence im-posed by a politician," he said. After their trial at Preston

Crown Court, Mr Justice Morland recommended that Venables and Thompson be detained for a minimum of eight years. He said that eight years was "very, very many years for a ten-year-old. They are now children, then they will be young men." Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, increased the minimum to ten years before Mr Howard's decision. In the letter announcing the increase, Mr Howard made no mention of the boys' welfare or rehabilitation. Mr Fitzgerald

told the court.



Wendy Jacobs with some of her new charges at Ewelme school yesterday

### New head ends 550years of tradition

BY JOHN O'LEARY

WENDY JACOBS has swen away more than 500 years of tradition by landing the headship of Britain's oldest primary school. Mrs Jacobs 34, a mother of two, is the first headmistress of Eweline Primary School, in Oxfordshire since its foundation in 1437...

The picturesque village chool, with 40 pupils and two staff, claims the longes pedigree in primary ed tion. Founded by Cha granddaughter, teach church and alms ho

Mrs Jacobs's appoi fulfills a career-in tion. She first vis school as a student at Reading University and was in diately drawn to the job

chairs the governors. children who are taught by

Home Secretary had misdithe sentence that both boys be rected himself that there was Some people have been giving British beef a roasting lately.

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# Policemen save woman declared dead by doctor

TWO policemen told yesterday of their shock when the leg of a woman pronounced dead by her doctor suddenly sprang to life. "I saw the left leg twitch and jump in the air and I was scared stiff," said PC Kevin

Last night Maureen Jones, 59. a diabetic mother of four grown-up children, was recovering in Scarborough Hospital after her ordeal. Dr Marion Meeson, her doctor, a GP with 16 years' experience, declined to comment.

PC Smith. 31, said the undertaker's hearse was already at the cottage in the Yorkshire Wolds village of Thwing, near Driffield, when he arrived last Monday night

They went into the bedroom where Mrs Jones was lying face down on the floor. PC Shrimpton went to comfort relatives in the house when his colleague called him back to the bedroom.

PC Shrimpton, 36, said: "It was a frightening experience. To all intents Mrs Jones was pronounced dead and because of what happened we had to call into use our medical training." They gave her the kiss of life and applied heart massage. Mrs Jones was put into the recovery position until paramedics arrived.

No one had seen Mrs Jones, a widow, since the night before and it was only when her son Nigel, 33, a shepherd, evening that he found her collapsed in an apparent dia betic coma. He called Dr Meeson at her surgery in Hunmanby three miles away and she turned out immediately.

But soon after her arrival. Dr Meeson, who qualified at the University of Wales in 1980, declared Mrs Jones dead and advised her son to report the incident to the police as a

sudden death. Mr Jones said his motive could remember only going to bed on Sunday night and



Maureen Jones: she

### WPC 'lost' eight years after arresting youth

A POLICEWOMAN lost all memory of the previous eight years after she was injured while arresting a drunken youth, a court was told yesterday. WPC Gaynor Whinton, 28. even forgot she was the mother of a two-year-old girl.

Stephen James, for the prosecution at Ilkeston Youth Court in Derbyshire, said WPC Whinton had a large bump on her head after helping colleagues to arrest the 17year-old youth last June. In hospital she could not remember her name.

After the case WPC Whinton, who is still having

treatment for amnesia, said the injury had had a devastating effect on her life. She was particularly upset at losing precious memories of her first two years of motherhood. Rebecca is three in June. I can remember seeing her in hospital when she was brought to see me. It was odd seeing her because I didn't feel like I was her mother because I didn't remember having her. If I could remember anything. I would remember that."

The ternager pleaded guilty to assault while resisting arrest and was given four; months' youth custody.



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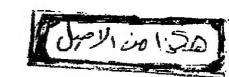
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# Labour and Tories take aim in battle for town hall rule

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE two main parties opened their council election campaigns yesterday by trading insults and contradictory statistics about their respective records in local government.

After last week's by-election defeat, the Tories face the prospect of a further drubbing in what will be the last and most important test of popular support before the general election. They could lose as many as 500 of the 1.100 council seats they are defending on May 2.

All these seats were won just after the Tories' 1992 general election victory, when they polled 45 per cent of the vote. about 15 per cent ahead of Labour. Support for the Government has since dropped to just 28 per cent.

"We are going from a high in 1992," a Tory source said. "In a way, that is coming back and walloping us now."

However, opposition parties and election experts are playing down the prospect of a repeat of last year's Tory wipeout - when the party lost 2,000 seats - because this vear's election is much smaller. In all, about 3,000 seats in 150 authorities are being contested: a third of the seats in 100 shire district authorities. 36 metropolitan district authorities and one unitary authority. Hartlepool. The 13 new shadow unitary authorities, which take over from present councils in April 1997, will hold elections for all their seats. There are no elections in London, Scotland

As Labour and the Tories launched their campaigns yes-

### KEY CONTESTS

The four Tory councils in the election: Huntingdon-shire in the Prime Minister's constituency. Broxbourne in Hertfordshire and Burne. field in Cheshire and Runnymede in Surrey.

C) Three hung councils tar-geted by the Liberal Demo-crats: Tunbridge Wells in Kent, Wokingham in Berk-shire and Stratford-on-Avon

blame," he said.

in new Labour."

value for money and partnership between private and pub-

lic sectors that the party says is

provided by its authorities. Mr

Blair said: "The people have

lost their trust in the Govern-

ment. I am confident that the

local elections will show that people are placing their trust

The tenor of what will be a

bitter campaign was evident when the Tories used piles of

baked-bean tins to illustrate

the higher council taxes in

opposition authorities. Lab-

our, the Tories said, were

'has-beans" and the Liberal

Democrats were "half-baked".

Dr Mawhinney said: "We. however, are full of beans."

the Tories' national local gov-

ernment advisory committee.

said he saw a new determ-

ination among Tory activists

to fight the elections hard.

They would highlight the dif-

ference between Labour's nat-

ional image and the reality

they saw on the ground, where

the trade unions were still

dominant. "Most Labour

counciliors are unreconstruct-

Photograph. page 24

ed socialists," he said.

Ron Watson, chairman of

☐ The former Tory strong-hold of Basildon in Essex, now a hung council.

☐ The shadow unitary authority of Brighton and Hove. Labour won Hove Borough Council last year.

terday, both parties refused to give detailed predictions of their chances. But Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said his party's "success on May 2 will be another blow to a weak and incompetent Government".

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, admitted: There is certainly a challenge facing the party. I have made

no secret of that."

A key Tory charge during the campaign will be that voters pay 50 per cent higher council taxes under Labourcontrolled authorities. Dr Mawhinney said that in Band D houses, valued between £68,000 and £88,000, Labour charged £225 more than Tory councils. Liberal Democrat councils charged £139 more in the same band.

Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, dismissed the claim. He said that in the 39 councils that Labour won last year, the average

### This is no way to win back the voters

Brian Mawhinney's attack on Sue Mac-Gregor on the Today programme yesterday was unjustified, exaggerated and, even worse, politically inept. But that is symptomatic of the well below the Government's forecast of 8 per cent. He also cited figures backed by the Audit Commission showing nervousness and stridency that the average council tax among some at Conservative charged by Tory authorities Central Office. They are was £536, compared with the adopting the wrong approach £513 figure for Labour. "The to win back the many voters Tories will seek to blame who have deserted the Tories Labour for the council tax since the last election. Dr increases but local people Mawhinney's outburst also know that the Government ensured that attention was distracted from a highly sigmust shoulder most of the nificant raising of the stan-dard of traditional Labour values by Robin Cook. Labour's campaign will fo-cus on the quality of services.

Attacking the Today programme is an easy, and shallow, way to win applause from Tory loyalists, who suspect the BBC and many of its nterviewers of being dedicated to doing down the Govern-ment. But not only is it ludicrous to regard the scru-pulously fair Ms MacGregor in this light, but her question drawing a parallel with 1990 and asking whether the Tories now needed to take similarly drastic action was entirely fair. Of course, John Major is not about to be "dumped" and, unlike a year ago, there is no speculation about the leadership now. It would be suicidal of the Tories even to contemplate such a coup. But Dr Mawhinney was wrong to regard the question as

politically relevant. Of course, his attack is part of an elaborate exercise of trying influence the broadcasters, and especially the BBC. Tory officials feel Labour secures more favourable coverage by constantly intervening with executives and programme editors. Labour certainly puts pressure on the broadcasters, but I do not

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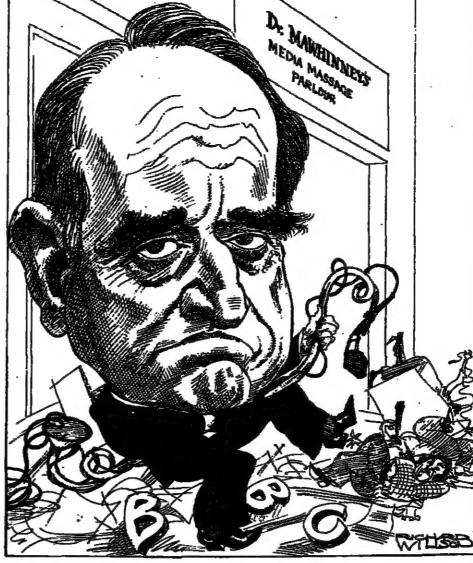
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believe this produces a bias in news coverage favour of Lab-

our, as the Tories claim. Much of the endless discusspin-doctors". sion about one of those often quoted terms which mean little, confuses attempts by the parties to influence coverage with bias by the broadcasters in favour of one party or another. Most broadcasters, as well as print journalists, listen to what the party propagandists say and ignore the more obviously partisan parts. The Tories' problem is the less specific, though equally insidious, one that Tony Blair has become fashionable, rather as Harold Wilson was

### RIDDELL ON POLITICS

in 1963-64, while the Major Government

unfashionable. The Tory faithful in the shires and the suburbs who believe that the media, and the BBC in particular, are being unfair to them will cheer Dr Mawhinney. They will feel he is speaking up for Middle England Tories. But making your core supporters feel good, or at least self-satisfied, is not the way to win elections. The Tories need to appeal to the uncommitted and they will not do that by stridency. Sounding reason able rather than aggressive is the way to win back former

Such attacks underline the impression of a party that is in a jittery mood after the Staffordshire South-East by-election and ahead of the local elections in a fortnight. Even in the short-term, Dr Mawhinney's outburst was counter-productive - and was

seen as such by some other senior Tories - not least since it diverted attention from Mr Cook's speech to the Scottish TUC conference.

Mr Cook will be one of the most powerful figures in any Labour Government and, yesterday, he signalled that the party's traditional concerns with poverty and equality had not been forgotten. Nothing he said could justify stories about a split with Mr Blair. There is no difference on the details of policy. But the tone was very different from, say, Mr Blair's speech in New York a week ago. Mr Cook talked about trade union rights and public services in language that the Labour leader now does not use.

If Mr Blair is claiming the centre ground, Mr Cook is securing the left wing. But despite Mr Major's comments last night, the Tories seem mainly concerned with their right wing - forgetting that it is the centre which they have

PETER RIDDELL environment.

### Lib Dems predict strong showing

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE Liberal Democrats are predicting further gains in Tory heartlands at next month's local election.
Party officials say they have

a good chance of winting control of town halls in Tunbridge Wells in Kent, Wokingham in Berkshire and Stratford-upon-Avon. . The party needs to win only a handful of seats to take control of each of the three hung councils.

Andrew Stunell, political secretary to the Association of Liberal Democrat Councils. said the party could add four councils to the 51 that it already controls. "We are set to take places which in the English mind are Conservative beyond recall. Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells could well become a Liberal Democrat."

The party, which is defending 450 seats, could do this with just the 50 to 100 extra: seats that he expected it to: gain. Mr Stunell also said that John Major could see the loss of Tory-controlled Huntingdonshire in his own constituency. Of the 13 councils stillcontrolled by the Tories, only four hold elections on May 2. The other three are Runnymede in Surrey, Macdesfield in Cheshire and Broxbourne in Hertfordshire.

Stand-in

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However, Mr Stunnell was cautious about predictions of huge Tory losses. Although the Tories would lose 550 of the 1,100 seats they are defending if the electorate votes as it did last year, he believes that Tory supporters who have previously abstained will vote this time. "Even if their team is about to be relegated, they will go to the last match," he said. Paddy Ashdown was confident the Liberal Democrats would strengthen their position as the second party of local government. The party leader said the Liberal Democrats had put "a breath of fresh air in Britain's town halls" and now run four times as many councils as the Tories. Their election document, Putting Principles into Practice, was a manifesto for greater democracy, better education and care for the

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# Short tells investors to be wary of rail sell-off

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY attempts to embarrass Clare Short over her support for higher taxes for middleincome earners fizzled out yesterday. Only a dozen Tory MPs were in the chamber for the Shadow Transport Secre-tary's first Commons speech since being criticised by Labour spin-doctors.

Ms Short, opening a debate on the sale of Railtrack, took the sparsely attended Tory benches by surprise when she declared: "I would like to say a

word on tax. To cheers from her own back benches, she said: The cost of privatising the railways amounts to an extra £106.38 for every taxpayer in the country. This is equal to an extra lp on the basic rate of income tax."

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, com-pared Ms Short with Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, who had defied Labour policy by sending her son to a grammar school. He said: "The one is endorsed for acting like a Tory, the other rebuked for speaking like a

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Short: survived Tory taunts over tax row

amendment calling on the halt of the sale in the first test of the Government's strength since its majority was reduced to one. She said that potential investors should be aware that a Labour government would use the regulator to impose controls on railway investment and asset disposal. "The use of regulation to protect the national interest will change the likely rate of return to

Brian Wilson, a Labour transport spokesman, referred to a leaked letter on April 2 from John Welsby, the British ation had been made. Mr Wilson said: "A Stock Ex-change inquiry is required to find what the truth of the

Sir George said that the directors of Railtrack had a duty to ensure that the proith the facts. "I'm confident that the prospectus which issues on May I will fully satisfy those requirements."

He was scornul of Labour's alternative to privatisation, higher investment without saying where the money would come from. "Perhaps from higher taxes on MPs? Under a privatised railway, the costs of funding the investment will no longer fall on the taxpayer. Privatisation would reverse decades of decline. "It's a win-win situation."

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Rail chairman, who said that Ms Short urged wavering Tory MPs to support Labour's the prospectus was "misleading and deficient". No alter-A philosophy that reflects concern for the future pasies will generate wealth. and deliver hosellis to indi-

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New research backs syndrome claims by Gulf War veterans

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A COMBINATION of chemicals used to protect soldiers from nerve gas and desert insects during the 1991 war with Iraq could have caused neurological damage, according to new research into the socalled Gulf War syndrome.

Gulf War veterans in Brit-ain said yesterday the American research was the "next step" towards providing con-clusive proof of the existence of a war-related syndrome. The possible explanation for

sicknesses suffered by thou-sands of British and American Gulf War veterans follows research into the effects of a cocktail of chemicals on chick-ens. The researchers found that although individual doses of the chemicals had no side effects, even in far larger amounts than those given to soldiers, when administered together they proved highly

The combination of two pesticides, DEET and permethrin, and the anti-nerve

gas agent pyridostigmine bromide, caused neurological problems in the chickens similar to the symptoms found in around 30,000 American Gulf War veterans. The symptoms include memory loss, headaches, fatigue, muscle and joint pain, shortness of breath and tremors.

The research by scientists at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, is being presented this week at the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology and will be published next month in the Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health.

Dr Mohamed Abou-Donia, a pharmacologist at Duke University, said that the chemicals were used to protect the soldiers from diseases such as malaria and leishmaniasis. which could have caused thou-

sands of deaths. However, he said: "It app-

ears that, for some veterans, the precautions prevented one set of problems and created another. Now our task is to analyse the veterans' symp-toms by investigating all the potential causes, not only for their sakes but for the welfare of future soldiers."

Dr Abou-Donia admitted the study on chickens did not prove the chemical cocktail affected people. However, his partners at the University of Texas had carried out epidemiological studies on soldiers which were consistent with the animal data, he said. The Texas scientists declined to release their results until the research was published.

The Gulf Veterans' Association in Britain said the Ministry of Defence had so far failed to carry out specific research and had merely completed a clinical study. A spokeswoman added that the committee of experts brought in to pursue further studies did not include a neurologist.



BBC producer Ric Blaxill with newcomer Bear van Beers, who bombarded him with calls and videos

Bear cheek takes unknown straight to the top

A MODEL from Holland is to present the TV chart show Top of the Pops tonight after months of bombarding a BBC producer with phone calls, faxes and videos of her work (Alexandra Frean writes). She is the first "unknown" to host the 32 years and programma. to host the 32-year-old programme. Bear van Beers, 23, has appeared in a

number of commercials and minor Dutch TV shows, but said it had been her life-long ambition to appear on Top of the Pops: "I have watched it ever since I was a little girl. I love it."

The programme's producer, Ric Blaxill, finally decided to give her a chance after tonight's scheduled present-

er, Lisa l'Anson, had to pull out. "I could tell she had the attitude, looks, intelligence and personality," he said. "When I called her home in Holland she couldn't believe it." Miss van Beer speaks four languages, studied journal-ism in Los Angeles and is studying film and television arts in Amsterdam.

Stand-in sheriff dismisses 'trivial' Skye toll offences

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SKYE BRIDGE protesters who pleaded guilty to non-payment of tolls were admonished yesterday and let off by a sheriff who told them that their offences were so trivial that they did not merit an

appearance in his court. Sheriff Ian Cameron, standing in for Sheriff James Fraser at Dingwall Sheriff Court, told 170 protesters that their cases should really be heard in the lower district court. He said he was not interested in the political aspects of the case but only in the criminality of the

His leniency surprised the protesters, who had been told by Sheriff Fraser that each non-payment of the £4.30 toll

Sheriff Cameron told Allan MacDonald, 63, a retired Skye headmaster. These are trivial sums involved. It's a bit like the non-payment of TV li-

cences but not so serious."
He admonished Mr Mac-Donald on all three offences. Twelve others who pleaded guilty got the same lenient treatment. Most of the protesters maintained their not-guilty pleas at the intermediate hearing. They will be summoned for trial next month.

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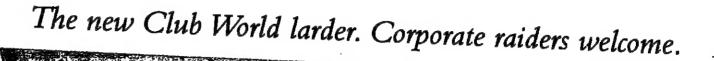
paigned vigorously against the tolls for the £25 million bridge, which was opened in October and funded by the private sector. Some have of occasions without paying.

The charges against them have been brought under the New Roads and Streets Act 1991 and carry a maximum penalty of £1,000 per offence, or a jail sentence.

One protester, Andy Anderson, 57, from Skye, has al-ready been fined £150 after being found guilty of five offences by Sheriff Fraser. He has appealed to the High Court in Edinburgh.

The protesters had been angered by a decision to court for them to reaffirm their pleas but yesterday Sheriff Cameron only laughed when he heard that one protester had been unable to keep the

After the hearing. Myrna Scott Moncrieff, who is leadsurprised at the outcome. I'm glad the rest of us stood firm and resisted the temptation to plead guilty and get off with only being admonished. How-ever, Sheriff Cameron seems





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ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN eminent figure in the art world yesterday urged Virginia Bottomley to seek the resignation of Sir Jocelyn Stevens as chairman of English Heritage unless he apologised publicly for mocking patrons of London's Kenwood House as "people with too much time".

Sir Hugh Leggatt expressed outrage that Sir Jocelyn had insulted people who selflessly devoted themselves to the nation's heritage. He said: "He's behaved disgracefully."

Sir Hugh is a former commission for the Museums

and Galleries Commission, and honorary adviser to the national portrait galleries of England and Scotland. He was responding to comments made last Sunday by Sir Jocelyn after the Friends of Kenwood House expressed concern that English Heritage had neglected its responsibil-ities for the historic building on Hampstead Heath. They called for a full-time curator to be reinstated, arguing that one of the nation's most important collections of Old Masters, including works by Vermeer and Rembrandt, set in a Robert Adam interior, needed

full-time attention. Hours after a unanimous motion was passed by the Friends, Sir Jocelyn dismissed them as troublemakers with "too much spare time", and added: "We don't actually



Sir Hugh, left, and Sir Jocelyn: knock-on effect

need the Friends if they're going to behave like this."
Yesterday Sir Hugh said
that it was "very distasteful" of
Sir Jocelyn to have singled out Lord Hutchinson, QC, and George Levy, a leading antiques dealer, who are respected throughout the art world for their passionate commitment to heritage.

Sir Jocelyn attacked them as "people with plenty of spare time" who "have got used to the impression that they run Kenwood" and said: "The Friends are not behaving like friends. They are behaving in a very aggressive manner."

The family of Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927), who bequeathed the collection to the nation, is known to be "very upset and deeply concerned about the way that Kenwood is being run. Sir Hugh said: "He shouldn't have attacked the very people who care so

difference of opinion, he should talk about it. Unless he apologises, the Minister should ask him to resign. It is Virginia Bottomley's job to oversee such matters."

Beyond Kenwood, he said, Sir Jocelyn's remarks could do untold damage to the voluntary sector on which every arts institute relies heavily. "It isn't just Kenwood he's letting down. It is so difficult raising funds. These institutions desperately need Friends. Hundreds of people up and down the country give their services and their cash to help the national, local authority and university institutions. They need to be encouraged, not discouraged. Such comments have a knock-on effect.

"Gratuitous public criticism from the chairman of English Heritage is both shocking and counter-productive. As chairman of such an important quango, an immediate public apology is vital.

The Heritage Minister should not only dissociate herself from Sir Jocelyn's aggressive strictures, but make it clear that the Government is wholly supportive of individuals who give so much to help preserve our national patrimony."

A spokeswoman for English Heritage said: "We don't feel there is anything for the chairman to apologise about."

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A computer-created view from Lambeth Bridge of how the giant £10 million Ferris wheel would look

# Traditionalists try to put a spoke in London's millennium wheel

its Jubilee Gardens site close to the South Bank arts centre.

It would carry up to 2.500 passengers an hour at £5 a

head in 60 enclosed capsules

passing within yards of the site of a new luxury hotel

being developed at the front of County Hall, the former

GLC headquarters. From the

top of the 20-minute ride,

passengers would be able to see for 30 miles, from Luton

in the north to Tunbridge

Wells in the south It would

dominate the riverscape for at

least five years before being

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chair-

THE Church of England has

sold buildings worth millions of pounds to repair the damage done by property specula-

The sales, and a tightly

controlled investment strate-

gy, mean the Church has

almost fully recovered from its

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The MetroCentre in Gates-

million profit, as well as the

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The sales, disclosed in the

annual report for 1995, illus-

trate that the Commissioners

are fulfilling their pledge to

increase investments in stocks

and shares at the expense of property. Total asset value

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moved to a new site.

By Jonathan Prynn

TRADITIONALISTS and modernists from the architectural world clashed yesterday over the proposed siting of a 500ft Ferris wheel on the South Bank in London to celebrate the millennium.

Plans for the £10 million structure were condemned by Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission, as "wholly unsuitable" for the riverside location, almost opposite the Palace of Westminster.

He said: "The 500ft-diameter wheel will be a third as high again as the Shell Centre, virtually twice the height of Big Ben and approximately the height of the British Telecom Tower. It would have a damaging visual impact on the Royal Parks. the surrounding Grade I list-ed buildings and the World Heritage Site of Westminster Abbey and the House of Parliament"

However, two of Britain's most distinguished architects. Sir Richard Rogers and Sir designer Sir Terence Conran were positive. Sir Terence said: "Cities need big symbols and the wheel seems to have all the fizz that the millennium is supposed to have." Detailed plans for the

wheel, described as London's Eiffel Tower, were unveiled yesterday by British Airways, which is sponsoring the project and putting more than £600,000 into the scheme. The wheel, which will be the highest of its kind in the

man of English Heritage, gave his blessing to the project but said the wheel should be moved away from County Hall so that it did not world, would dominate the central London skyline from

beth Borough Council is unlikely to meet to consider the application before June. The final decision is likely to rest with the Secretary of State for the Environment.

David Marks and Julia Barfield, the architects behind the project, hope to start work on the wheel before the end of the year with an opening ceremony in April 1999. More than half the energy to drive the ride could be generated by tidal power from turbines in the Thames. The steel structure has been designed to any recorded in London over the past hundred years.

Bob Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, said: "It will be for the millennium what the Crystal Palace was for the 1851 Great Exhibition."

increased by £300 million in 1995 to £2.7 billion. Property assets fell from 58 to 39 per

Last year the Commission-

ers sold 2.957 acres of land in

Britain for 522.8 million, of

which more than half was

development land. Residential

sales totalled £15.9 million,

mainly long leases on its Hyde

Park estate in London. One hundred and nine vicarages

were sold, a slight decline on

Many acres of glebe land.

managed by dioceses and

usually rented out, were also

sold, generating £16.6 million. However, £6.6 million was

reinvested in glebe land and

52 million in clergy housing. A

further £25.8 million was raised by selling redundant churches and sites. The Com-

missioners reported a "short-

term" fall in net income, from £145.2 million in 1994 to £137.4

cent of the total.

**Sell-off revives** 

Church assets

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

### NEWSINE Pilot held after drugs discovered

The pilot of a light aircraft ly injured by its propeller after an emergency landing has been arrested on suspicion of smuggling drugs. The Cheetah aircraft, flying from Holland to Gloucestershire on Tuesday, came down in a field near Basingstoke, Hampshire. A box containg 20kg of cannabis worth £60,000 was found near by. Customs officials could not say if the two events were connected.

### Burns boy dies

A three-year-old boy, who sur-vived for two months after suffering 94 per cent burns, has died. Adam McKelvie was found inside his burnt-out home in Corby, Northamptonshire, on February 10. His mother died in the blaze.

### Fraud charge

Inspector David Currie, 36, and Tracey Kember, 24, a police worker, from Gravesend. denied conspiracy to defraud Sainsbury's by allegedly tendering outdated vouchers. Bail for both was continued by Maidstone Crown Court.

### Inquest refused

A coroner has refused a full inquest into the deaths of six crew of a trawler that sank off Cornwall in 1991. He said all the evidence was aired when one of the Pescado's operators was cleared and another convicted of manslaughter.

### Driver's plunge

A motorist drove to his death over the 80ft Marsden Bay cliffs on south Tyneside after apparently phoning police to say he was going to jump. Officers saw a car speed over the edge into the sea. A man's body was later recovered.

### Line of inquiry

A signalling error has been blamed for an electric InterCity train with 200 passengers being stranded for 83 minutes on a non-electrified line outside Basingstoke, Hampshire, on Tuesday. Railtrack is holding an inquiry.

### Jurors warned

Mr Justice Curtis warned ignore extensive media reports over the death of Stephen Lawrence, 18, whose parents have brought a private murder prosecution against three men. The trial continues.

### Talked out

Gary Jacobs, a lawyer who hosted a Sunday night show on Talk Radio, has resigned after being asked to include advice on gardening, DIY and motoring. His departure comes after that of Simon Bates and Jonathan King.

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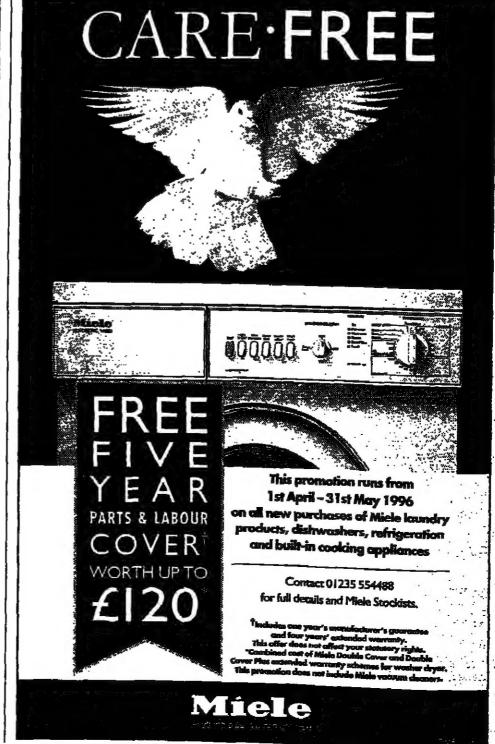
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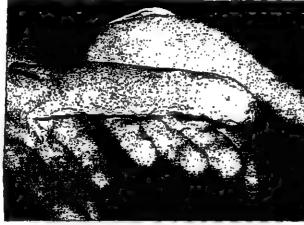
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The naked mole rat: "ugly but magnificent"

inbred. Among animals, they are the nearest thing to a cione, as genetically alike as identical twins. But Dr Justin O'Rain and his colleagues at Cape Town University have found that there are a few who stand out from the crowd. These are the "dispersers" the few inspired to leave the

burrow for pastures new.

breeding male has died.









In ten years, common bird populations have plummeted. They include, left to right, song thrush (down 73 per cent), linnet (52 per cent), skylark (58 per cent), grey partridge (82 per cent), tree sparrow (89 per cent) and turtle dove (77 per cent)

# Songbirds fall silent under onslaught of farming and pollution

MILLIONS of songbirds are disappearing from gardens and the countryside, the victims of intensive farming, pollution and building. A detailed survey of the 280 species found in the British Isles including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man - has found that the decline of birds such as the skylark, linnet, song thrush and tree sparrow has accelerated during the 1990s.

Ten years ago, eight birds were on the nation's red list of vulnerable species. Dr David Gibbons of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday that it had since been necessary to add many once-common birds to the danger list, swelling the number to 36.

Some less well-loved birds have increased in number, partly because fewer people are working in the country-side, which makes them less likely to be shot as pests. Among them is the magpie, up 268 per cent since the 1960s to 650,000 pairs, and the carrion crow, up 140 per cent to a million pairs.

The report has been compiled by the RSPB, the National Trust, the British Trust for Ornithology, the Game Con-







Not all bird species are in decline. Among a number of success stories are, left to right, the osprey, red kite, Dartford warbler and marsh harrier

servancy Council, the Wildlfowl and Wetlands Trust, the wildlife trusts, Birdlife International and the Hawk and Owl Trust.

They find that ten years ago the status of the spotted flycatcher gave little cause for alarm. The survey shows that numbers have slumped by 73 per cent in the past 25 to 27 years to 130,000 pairs: indications are that at least 23 per cent of

this decline has occurred since the late 1980s. The skylark population is down 58 per cent to 2.1 million pairs; the grey partridge 82 per cent to 145,000 pairs; the tree sparrow 89 per cent to 110,000 pairs; the turtle dove 77 per cent to 75,000 pairs: the song thrush 73 per cent to 1.1 million pairs: and the linnet 52 per cent to 40,000 pairs.

Dr Gibbons said: "The chances of

seeing these birds in your garden are now far less than they were a few years ago because less are surving in the

Dr Mark Avery, chairman of the RSPB's Birds of Conservation Concern Working Group, said: "The fate of bird species acts as a barometer of the health of the environment. There are now more than twice as many species which are

countryside, especially on farmland."

rapidly declining than there were ten years ago. Things are getting worse rather than better

He said intensification of agriculture was largely to blame: it was destroying habitats, increasing pollution, crushing some ground-nesting birds' eggs during the breeding season, and altering the availability of food.

Road building and the noise from population.

the spread of housing, particularly in the South of England.

While the future for songbirds looks bleak, other species, many on the red list, have benefited from measures taken on their behalf. They include programmes of reintroduction from the Continent, better protection against persecution and egg thieves and more sensitive management of conifer wood-

lands. Milder winters have also helped. The red kite has increased from 20 pairs to 160; the osprey from seven to 99; and the Dartford warbler from 560 to 1,600. Since 1969, marsh harriers have increased from three pairs to 100, thanks to the elimination of DDT and immigration from The Netherlands, where land reclamation hit the birds' habitat.

The songbird survey precedes the Government's response to the Biodiversity Steering Group report, published earlier in the year, which set out costed action plans to restore numbers of the most threatened species. The authors of the bird survey are urging the Government to ratify the steering group's report in an attempt to head off a fatal collapse in Britain's songhird

# The naked truth: fat and lazy males are winning the rat race

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BEING a selfish, lazy, fat male need not be a handicap. According to a new study, these are the very qualities that make for a sense of adventure - if you are a naked mole rat.

This mammal, which fascinates biologists because it lives more like an insect, is found beneath the soil of East Africa Naked mole rats which are neither moles nor rats - dig out complex burrows where they establish colonies in which only the queen bears young. About three inches long and

weighing one or two ounces, they belong to the same zoological classification as porcupines, guinea pigs, chinchillas and coypus. Those with the most unappealing characteristics are most likely to found new colonies, a study in South Africa has found. Their fatness, indeed, may help them to survive until a new colony is established.

mole rats have a strict division of labour. Most of them spend their time digging to find food for the rest of the colony. They live on tubers, accessible only when the ground is wet after rain. Only by collaborating can they find enough food.



Normal mole rats are hostile to those from other colonies, but the dispersers have higher levels of hormones than their burrowmates and try to mate with strange females. Within the colony, the dispersers collaborate only reluctantly with the

common tasks and are more inclined to wander abroad,

the team reports in Nature. Although the colonies are effective in providing a way of life in inhospitable conditions, they cannot survive for ever without the odd individual striking out. Only a few males in any colony get the chance to mate with the queen and the dispersers often apply for the job in colonies where the

The team collected its data by observing 48 colonies of captive rats, containing in all about 1,000 individuals. They made a single opening in the burrow and watched which animals left. Only six of the

colonies had any dispersers and 95 per cent of them were male. What triggers the wanderlust is not clear. It may be genetic or it may be the age and composition of the colonies, the team says. The chances are that from time to time environmental conditions may promote dispersals in which the adventurous rats invade neighbouring colonies or find a few allies to form a new colony.

Serring out alone is remarkable for one of these animals because, unlike other mammais, they do not have a way of regulating their tempera-ture. When they get cold, the only recourse is to huddle together three or four deep. This may be another reason why the dispersers tend to be fat, to protect them from the cold in solitude. The limited sex lives of mole

rats and the fact that they live permanently in the dark means that they have never needed to develop features that would attract mates. But beauty is in the eye of the zoologist. Dr Paul Sherman of Cornell University told The New York Times: "There's something charming, even magnificent, about these animals. What we regard as ugly is really a bundle of fancy adaptations for living underground."

### Tory MP calls for action on asthma

BY NICK NUTTALL

SENIOR Conservative MP who is asthmatic yesterday accused the Government to reduce traffic fumes in Sir Graham Bright, for-

mer parliamentary aide to the Prime Minister, said not enough was being done to protect people with breathing difficulties from the fumes of buses, taxis, diesel cars and lorries. Speaking during a short House of Commons debate, Sir Graham said it was "galling" that technological solutions were available to cut dramatically particle fumes and soot.

He said a device called a continuous regeneration trap had been developed and needed government encouragement so that diesel vehicles caused less deadly pollution. "I would like to see it fitted to every new heavy goods vehicle and every bus, with the intention of extending it to all diesel cars."

He said the system would cost about £3,500 per HGV or bus but added: "The balance of costs and benefits will make retro-fitting even more

# Child with half a brain forces rethink on speech

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

ional Institute of Mental

Health in Maryland, who is

part of the team monitoring

the boy's progress, he does not

speak like on adult but his

language ability "exceeds

what you would expect from his IQ".

The case interests psycholo-

gists because it poses ques-

tions about language acquisi-

tion. The belief is that there is

an age after which it is very difficult to learn to speak, one

reason why it is hard to learn

foreign languages as an adult.
"Some psychologists have

said that the age limit is five or

six," Dr Isaacs said, "but

A BOY who learnt to speak only after half of his brain was removed may lead psychologists to rethink their ideas about the acquisition of

The boy, known as Alex, was born with a disorder called Sturge-Weber syndrome, which interfered with the blood supply to the left side of his brain. By the age of eight, he was able to utter only a few sounds and only one intelligible word, "mama". Doctors decided to carry out

radical surgery because he suffered from frequent epileptic fits. Christopher Adams, consultant neurosurgeon at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, removed the whole of the left half of his brain. This procedure, though it

appears drastic, is quite widely used in such cases, according to Dr Elizabeth Isaacs of the Institute of Child Health in London, who presented a paper on the case at a confer ence in Edinburgh. Children treated in this way can lead a nearly normal life, although their intelligence is low. Their IQ is about 70.

The operation was carried out when Alex was nine. The seizures ceased immediately but he was kept on anticonvulsant drugs for ten months as a precaution. He

began to speak about a month others say that it is up to the after coming off the drugs.

Dr Isaacs said that Alex, now 15 and at boarding school,

age of puberty. We have a child here who learnt to speak after the age of ten, so this case had normal language skills at least argues for the higher and grammar and a wide Dτ John Marshall, a neuvocabulary. According to Dr Mortimer Mishkin, a neurophysiologist from the US Nat-

rologist at Oxford University, told New Scientist: "It is an exceedingly remarkable case." However, he wondered whether Alex might have had the power of speech all along, but could not express it because of damage to the left hemisphere. Dr Isaacs said she doubts this because of the way Alex

learnt, uttering first single words and then phrases and sentences. "He went through all the same stages as a normal child but much more quickly. Tests of his comprehension before the operation showed that it was equivalent to a child of three and a half. He didn't have all that language bottled up in there."



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## Invasion of the ducks drives villagers to consider fowl play

THE village of Swanland, given its name by the Vikings who introduced swans there, is being overrun - by ducks. An invasion of wild mallards is also threatening to drive away Charlie and Esmeralda. the latest in a long line of swans which have graced the village pond. A series of mild winters and

a lack of natural predators

have caused the duck popula-

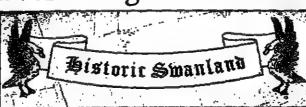
tion to soar to more than

1,000. They are devouring the swans' food and making the villagers' líves a misery.

Villagers have already rounded up some of the interlopers and dumped them on the Humber in nearby Hull. hoping that hunters who shoot there regularly might solve the problem, but other ducks simply moved in to replace them. Locals are now planning

more direct action. Mike

Frankish, a parish councillor,



Swanland's two remaining swans are under threat

said: "Some people don't like the idea of shooting them. but we are overrun with the bloody things. Charlie and Esmeralda are being troubled

by the ducks. The mallards seem to be eating everything in sight, leaving the swans

with nothing."

not too bad when they stay on the pond, but they are entering gardens. They have destroyed entire flower beds and keep villagers awake into the early hours with their quacking. Steve Kehoe, landlord of the Swan and Cygnet pub, said a cull would be barbaric. The RSPCA agreed: "At the end of the day you are clearing the territory for more ducks to move in." Villagers are to seek advice from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.





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# Post-Fascist leader determined to lift Duce's shadow

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN FLORENCE

leader of Italy's post-Fascists and the rising star of the election campaign, yesterday said the legacy of Fascism had been overcome. Europe had no need to fear that a directly elected Italian presidency of the kind he favours would turn out to be "a short cut to power for a strong man".

In an interview with The Times, Signor Fini said the tide was turning in his favour, even in traditionally "Red" areas such as Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. He had just addressed a rally in Bologna, his home town, where he drew an admiring crowd of 10,000 twice those at a rally for Fausto Bertinotti, the hardline Communist leader, near by.

"There was a tremendous crowd." Signor Fini said. "No one saw a single Mussolinitype Fascist salute. I did not search everyone, but as far as 1 know no one was carrying a Fascist banner or a portrait of

Signor Fini. 44. is tall, immaculately dressed, shrewd and personable. He is a polished speaker, with an ironic twinkle behind his rimless glasses. Doubts linger over his break with the Fascist MSI (Movimento Sociale Italiano). which he dissolved just over a

moderate Alleanza Nazionale. The cover of L'Espresso this week carried a caricature of him with bloody lips and mad staring eyes under the head-

line - "Beware of the Right". Nonetheless, the Alleanza Nazionale is set to gain between 5 and 10 per cent in a



poll otherwise marked by apathy. One party likely to lose votes is Forza Italia, led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon who was Prime Minister for eight months in 1994 at the head of a centre-right coalition that included the MSI.

Yesterday Signor Berlusconi's trial on corruption charges resumed in Milan. Officially, Signor Fini shares his indignation over this "pol-itical-judicial bombardment".

GIANFRANCO FINI, the year ago to form the more Signor Fini insisted it was "too soon to say that our party is the dominant force on the Centre Right," adding Signor Berlusconi would be Prime Minister again if the bloc won.

But few doubt Signor Fini would be the coalition's key figure. It would need "time and patience" before the world was convinced Mussolini's heritage had been buried, he said. In the last election, two years ago, Signor Fini des-cribed Mussolini as a "great statesman". He now says the Duce was "one of those who put his stamp on our century".

There is a real Fascist

party," Signor Fini said, referring to The Flame - a splinter group led by Pino Rauti which stayed faithful to Fascist ideology when Signor Fini broke up the MSI. "We have refused to make pacts with them, even in constituencies where a 1 per cent difference could let in the

If there was a dead heat on Sunday between Centre Left and Centre Right, Signor Fini said, the only solution was to introduce further electoral reform and hold new elections in six months' time. He favours presidenzialismo - a directly elected President on the French model - and said fears that a "strong man"



would misuse power as Mus-solini had were misplaced. 'Nobody says France is a Fascist country.

Parliament would remain paramount, as President Scalfaro had insisted. "When he warned about the dangers of authoritarianism recently, he assured me he was not

referring to the Centre Right or to me personally." Signor Fini said the

Alleanza Nazionale was not aligned with any conservative force in Europe because it had its own characteristics. Italy needed flexibility from Europe

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Europe, for its part, needed Italy as the country which understood best "the real danger to peace comes not from the East but from the South - a reference to tensions caused by immigration and Islamic fundamentalism.

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# Rifkind laments Ten ye deadly British 10ne of Prors in Bosnia Stays I Stays I Stays I HE Government's frank-Inission vet of fatal Plans Force | faced an impossible trade.

est admission yet of fatal flaws in its previous Bosnia policy. Malcolm Rifkind last night warned Europe that it should never again attempt to go it alone in peacekeeping without the Americans.

"When the international community faces a crisis on the scale of Yugoslavia's collapse, direct US involvement is indispensable, especially if military action is required. A European solution to a Euro-pean problem was never a realistic option," the Foreign Secretary said at the Lord Mayor's Easter Banquet in Guildhall.

"As events since Dayton have shown, the transatlantic partnership is the key to success. That partnership, of Europe and America working together, delivers results, dip-lomatic and military. So my firm view is that any arrangements we devise for the future must reflect that point."

He also brushed aside speculation that British troops might remain in Bosnia-Herzegovina after US forces pulled out at the end of the year. Nato forces. North American and European, had entered Bosnia together. "We will leave together. Any alternative would be foolish and short-sighted.

Admitting that United Nations credibility had been damaged by Bosnia. he sug-gested a "few lessons" that the world should learn. "We must not commit ourselves to a peacekeeping mission unless there is a peace to keep. Unprofor (the UN Protection

It discharged that task as honourably as it could, saving tens of thousands of lives. "But if in future we want to intervene in a war zone, we must dispatch a force which is. suitably structured and equipped for a role which might lead to combat." The second lesson was to avoid foreign policy by declaration. The international community. announced 'safe areas' in Bosnia without ever committing the forces necessary to make them a reality. The result was , a damaging blow to internagional credibility."

Mr Rifkind gave a gloomy prognosis for peace in Bosnia. He criticised Bosnian leaders for their failure to bring about reconciliation. Only the people. of Bosnia, in particular their leaders, could decide between peace and war. They had taken the first crucial steps, silencing the guns after years of fighting. But they had made no progress in living and working together for a united

Turning to the European Union, Mr Rifkind warned Britain's 14 partners at the inter-governmental conference not to fall into the trap of being fascinated by questions of construction. He said the Union faced a danger of "twiddling endlessly with the minutiae of the EU's institutional machinery, but losing sight of the point of it". Mr Rifkind hoped that, as Europe matured, it would escape the confines of institutional

# Steffi Graf's father charged over taxes

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

THE father of tennis star Steffi Graf has been charged on suspicion of faking the tax returns of the world's top rated woman player and hid-ing her earnings from the

German tax man. The Stuttgart public prose-cutor said Peter Graf — who has been under investigative be brought to court along with accountant Joachim hardt. The investigators have found no evidence against Miss Graf berself.

Herr Graf's lawyers said it was still not clear whether any tax evasion had actually taken place. "Tax law for international athletes is confusing and complicated," they said in a joint statement.

During a number of interrogations, Miss Graf has told the authorities that her father handles all her tax matters

and that her signatures on incomplete tax returns were used to sign letters to her fans. The prosecutor believes

(£18.5 million) was hidden from the gaze of the German tax office. In some years no tax returns were submitted for Miss Graf. In other years, befty sums were written off. During this period, Herr financial adviser.

The scandal has already claimed some of the tennis player's high-paying sponsors. Now prosecutors will be able to dig deeper into the nature of her various contracts.

Miss Graf's game has not seriously suffered since the arrest of her father. She visits him in prison, but relations are said to be very strained.

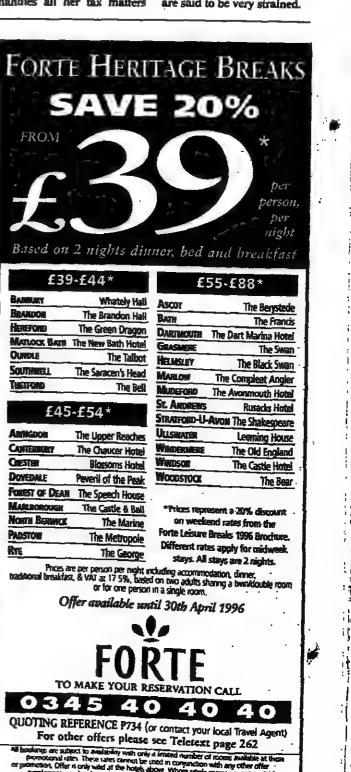




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CHIEF POLITICAL

JOHN MAJOR will join West-

ern leaders this weekend in

backing an action plan to

prevent nuclear weapons ma-

terial being smuggled out of

terrorists or "rogue states". The programme to be agreed at a summit of the

Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, hosted

by President Yeltsin in Mos-

cow, has been drawn up

because of growing fears that

weapons-grade nuclear mate-

rial is now being offered for

sale for military use.

Last night the Prime Minis-

ter flew on the first leg of his

trip to Prague, where he

attended a dinner held by

Vaclay Klaus, the Czech Prime

Kuchma, the Ukrainian Presi-

dent, and Yevgeni Marchuk, the Ukrainian Prime Minis-

ter, in Kiev, where the leaders

are expected to discuss nuclear

Today he will meet Leonid

# eadly British Ten years on, dead rors in Boshi Zone of Chernobyl stays under siege

AN 8-mile radius round the Chemobyl disaster site in norpern Ukraine is an cerie zone Potholed tracks link deserted villages, where rusty equipment lies scattered about guited blocks of flats. Wild boars run past abandoned hories and crows perch on fallin electrical cables.

THE REAL PROPERTY.

In years after the world's worst nuclear accident at the Chirnobyl nuclear power station, the area around the cripled reactor resembles a dissed hanlefield. But amid the debris, the campaign to coltain the environmental polution continues in a lowker fashion, since the state of energency has long been over. he exclusion zone is run mich like a military camp.

Gitting inside requires cleararce from one of three militiaminned control points and trivel is restricted within the zene. Workers walk around in piprective gear and talk of life at if they were under siege.

Chernobyl is its own minigure world - we refer to life here as before or after the var," Svetlana Svirina, a physicist who came here in 86, said. At the time of the acident everyone worked nund the clock just to cover reactor. Like war, there As John Major flies to Kiev to discuss nuclear safety with Leonid Kuchma, the Ukrainian President, Lesia Rudakewich travels to Chernobyl, where the atmosphere is still that of a desperate battleground

was a real difference between those who risked their lives and those who did not."

Today life in this barren wasteland seems less clearcut. Buses shuttle workers daily to the two Chernobyl nuclear reactors. Nos 1 and 3, still producing electricity, even as staff continue to monitor radiation levels around reactor No.4 that exploded on April 26, 1986, Reactor No.2 was shut down in 1991 after a fire. The contaminated areas and "clean spots" lie next to each other inside the zone and peuple cross from one to the

other without concern. Officially the zone is an uninhabited area, but about 650 self-settlers - evacuees who returned - reside in their old homes, tending their gar-

dens and raising livestock. "There are smict controls on everything," emphasised Ms Svirina. "Chernobyl is still considered a dry zone - no

liquor or wine is allowed. Until last year, you couldn't even bring in a beer." In the early days if the militia had seized liquor at a checkpoint the worker's job was at stake. but now, she said, "the local militia themselves sell liquor at contraband prices".

fronteally, life in the zone has become bleaker now that the worst is over. In the months after the disaster. thousands of young people arrived to help with the emergency clean-up. A music hall staged concerts and a cinema screened popular films. Today there are fewer ame-

nities, fewer public places to go to, and fewer people. Ten years ago, people came because they had to, but now they mostly come for the pay.

Once we had live entertainment. Today we can't even get newspapers," complained Sasha, a mechanic. There was real work up to 1991-1992.



Workers in protective gear repair potholes along a road leading into the town of Chernobyl yesterday

Everyone knew what to do. and people in charge took responsibility. But now? You've got managers here

drawing quadruple pay."
Andriy Sukharuchkin, deputy chief engineer at the radiation monitoring centre based in Pripyat, said:

friendships. For me, it is my profession. For some it is also the memory of surviving 1986 and playing a role in the crisis

management. "In the early days there were world-class

many reasons. For some, it is

the salary, for others, the

called Ms Svirina, "There was a spirit of camaraderie and purpose. People gave up their nealth and their lives. No one thought about the pay. They thought about the nation and the need to save it."

Just as strong is the attraction to this devastated earth.

like a human here," said Mr. Sukharuchkin. "I go back to the city with its thousands of automobiles, and I don't feel healthy there."

Ms Svirina agrees, "Every time I drive to the reactor. I think it beautifully empty. After being away from Cher-

safety and the action programme on smuggling. British officials emphasised that there had been no recorded attempt to smuggle nuclear materials. However, according to a report released by Harvard University, there have been six incidents in which highly enriched uranium or plutonium, the essential components for a nuclear

Minister.

homb, were stolen in Russia. The eight heads of state will approve a programme to try to prevent any materials with a potential military application from falling into the wrong hands and to deter potential traffickers. They will try to ensure that material no longer required at the vast former Soviet nuclear complex is dis-

posed of safely. The summit will also agree measures to ensure that nuclear reactors in the former Soviet Union are made safer or destroyed. The leaders will confirm a £2 billion programme leading to the closure of the Chernobyl plant and will take steps to improve safety at other reactors.

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# CHERNOBYL'S SEALED FATE AFFECTED AREAS TODAY 100 miles RUSSIAN FEDERATION roposed concrete and steel

Pardon for prisoners who tackled fire

world's biggest nuclear accident, a presidential decree freed from prison anyone

who had served at least a third of a

sentence for minor offences. About 25 million people, including 900,000 child-

The President is demonstrating his

humanity towards first offenders who

helped to deal with or suffered from the

accident," said Petro Andrichenko, the

ren, were affected by the accident.

# Ukraine plays for time and money

THE spectre of a second explosion at the crippled Chernobyl complex in Ukraine, the site of the world's worst nuclear accident in April 1986, continues to haunt Western

The Chernobyl complex houses four reactors. Number 4 was destroyed in the meltdown. Number 2 was shut down after a fire in the turbine hall in 1991, and the other two are still working.

Moscow was responsible for the clean-up operation during the first five years after the accident, making it difficult for Western powers to intervene. After the collapse of ine Soviei Union in 1991. however, the Western powers were slow to take the initiative. Leaders of the Group of

head of the presidential pardon office. "It applies to more than 1,000 people."

300,000 Ukrainian citizens helped to put

out the fire in the fourth reactor on April

26, 1986. The armesty applies to adoles-

cents, pregnant women and those with

children. Beneficiaries must not have

committed serious offences and must

Official statistics show that more than

ised countries have since repeatedly insisted that the stricken complex be decommissioned. Originally, Kiev promised to comply with this demand by the end of 1993. In October 1993, Ukraine

changed its mind. Faced with the economic chaos which followed the demise of the Soviet Union, Ukraine could not survive without nuclear power which provides 40 per cent of its energy needs, 7 per cent of which comes from Chernobyl.

Ukrainian officials now insisted that the crumbling sarconhagus, which encases the wrecked reactor building, could be repaired crippled plant could be modi-

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warning by the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1994 that the sarcophagus was deteriorating at an alarming rate, a consortium of French. German and British companies won a £25 million European Union contract to carry out a feasibility study into how to shore up the

existing structure. The ten-month study concluded that the reactor lid and its chimney were in danger of collapsing. It proposed a £1 billion scheme for stabilising the sarcophagus, and constructing a new concrete bunker to house the second and third reactors.

Months between the G7 and Ukraine began to show results by April

Kuchma promised to close Chemobyl by 2000, but insisted that the West would still have to provide for alternative sources of energy.

A memorandum of under-

standing was signed by the G7 and Ukraine last December, committing £2 billion in grants and loans to improve Chernobyl's short-term safety. and providing alternative sources of energy, in exchange for closing the plant down by the end of the

the disaster approaches. Ukraine has yet to receive a penny in Western assistance. It will be years before Western governments will cease to

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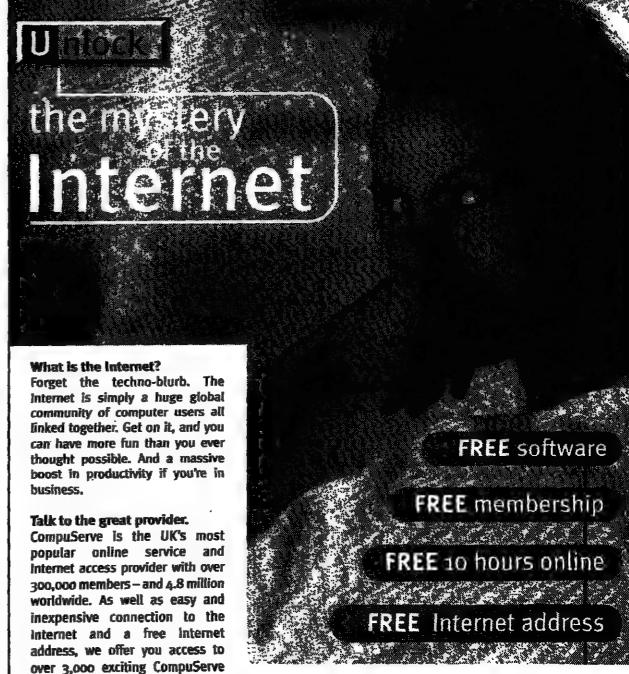
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The shipowner Stavros Niarchos with his third wife, Evgenia, at Maxim's

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE GREEK shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos, who died on Tuesday aged 86, was one of the last representatives of a gaudy but glamorous era when the size of a man's yacht and the lavishness of his parties directly reflected the breadth of his ego and the depth of his bank account.

Our age has become used to more reclusive and discreet billionaires, but Niarchos, with his brother-in-law and rival Aristotle Onassis, straddled the post-Second World War worlds of high society and business muscle, trailing money, former wives, mutual loathing and the whiff of scandal behind them.

They disbursed wealth conspicuously, on ever larger yachts, great paintings, para-

Gaudy era dies with Niarchos Irans

Battle of two tycoons gave birth to jet-set

Greek myth

The schooner Creole, replaced in Niarchos's affections by the yacht Atlantis

dise retreats, fresh business ventures, and invited the world to gape. The age of Niarchos-Onassis was glorious in its vulgarity.

Niarchos was often described as a private man, at least compared with the swashbuckling Onassis, yet he had a taste for the rich

man's gestures and pleasures that made Robert Maxwell seem a shrinking violet: whether handing out gold sovereigns to Athens children or hunting leopards in Mo-zambique, he wore his wealth on the sleeve of his impeccable suits - ordered from a Milan

The assessments of contemporaries over the years reflect now completely Niarchos became a figure of legend, even a cliche: "cool as glacier", "frankly sybartic", "the New

Argonaut", and so on. With his ten Renoirs and seven Van Goghs, his racehorses and properties spread across the globe he was, to use an appropriately old-fash-ioned-sounding term, a founder of the "international jet set?. His entertaining was fabulous, whether on his yacht, in his Paris townhouse, or on the private Aegean island that he stocked with rare wild game and plants and exotic socialites, visiting royal-ty and world leaders. "Stavros never gives or goes to less than five parties a week." a friend noted in the 1950s. A short, handsome man

with an almost visible aura of energy, Niarchos often said of himself: "I am Greek and I fee! Greek." But, like others in the rarefied arena of the massively rich, he was oddly stateless, restlessly travelling the world's most luxurious places. It was no accident that his shipping fleet tended to sail

ladies."

But the ladies were bound up in the sumptuous soan opera, for only Hollywood could compete in creating such an improbably targled

The tycoon had five narriages, the third and longes to Evgenia Livanos, the daighter of fellow shipping magiate Stavros Livanos. Onassishad married her sister, Ting, a year earlier. In 1965, afte: 18 years of marriage and bur children, Evgerda and Niarchos divorced.

Niarchos's subsequent narriage to Charlotte Ferd. daughter of the car baon. Henry Ford II, went the saine way, whereupon he returned to Evgenia. When she diec in 1970 from an overdose of sleeping pills, a post-mortm examination indicated he had suffered physical abuse. Niarchos insisted the injures had been caused during is attempts to revive her aid charges against him were dropped. A year later, in perhaps his most remarkable act of one-upmanship, he mir-ried Tina Onassis, his rive's former wife and his own former sister-in-law.

Onassis died in 1975, aid one wonders whether Nigchos came to miss the advesary whom he had cordialy detested for so many years According to one old jole: Onassis once went to Souh Africa for a heart transplant operation costing \$1 million.4 little later Niarchos did tle same. When he returned le boasted to his competitor that his new heart had cost him half that amount.

"And so it it should." Onssis replied. They gave you mine."

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Opera-singer Maria Callas at a nightclub with Niarchos's life-long rival, Aristotle Onassis









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AS THE RELATION APRILING

Imran shows strain as he lashes out at reporter

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LAHORE

CANCER patients returned day picked through the rubble gingerly to Imran Khan's bomb-damaged charity hospital in Lahore yesterday as he and his wife, Jemima, contemplated the impact of the attack on their increasingly exposed lives in the simister world of Pakistani politics.

The strain on the former Pakistani cricket captain showed: he punched a reporter at the hospital for asking what was regarded as an offensive question, and expressed disgust at a suggestion that he arranged Sunday's blast himself to gain

political mileage.
The poor, sitting in wheelchairs in makeshift waiting areas, were assured that doctors and nurses had heeded Mr Khan's appeals to continue their humanitarian work and that treatment would remain free.

The charity must now raise funds for repairs. It costs 250 million rupees (£5 million) a year to run the hospital, which sees about 200 patients a day. Mr Khan uses his mass appeal to keep the money pouring in. All patients are meanstested; last year only 8 per cent

Mrs Jemima, as she is commonly known here, must be wondering into what kind of murky political world her marriage last year has taken her. Mr Khan must regard himself as an assassination target as he prepares to enter politics in a bid for the premiership.

He flew to Karachi yesterday to study fundraising schemes to pay for repairs to the hospital estimated at £1 million. The damage could take a year to fix. He returned to his home in the Zaman Park district of Lahore late last night; aware that life can never be the same. Today he will again visit the hospital. which was opened in Decem-ber 1994 and named after his late mother, to give moral support to nervous staff.

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of a corner of the building shattered in the blast, but found few clues. The nation shared a sense of disgust that such an institution should fall victim to political vengeance. It is assumed that the attack was a warning to Mr Khan to stay out of politics.

The signs are that the bomb had a timing device, enabling the attacker to be miles away when the explosion killed and mairned patients and staff in the outpatients' reception area. Burnt and twisted wheelchairs strewn about the building attested to the power of the blast. Pieces of furniture hurled through windows still lay on the lawns yesterday.

Mr Khan's foray into politics may not be announced officially for another few weeks. Initially he will launch what he calls a reformist movement, which will evolve into a party once it formulates policies on unemployment, drugs, violence and the conflict with India over Kashmir.

He has his sights set on the general election due in 1998. although he says there is no guarantee that he will be ready by then to make a bid for the post of Prime Minister. His manifesto may mark a shift away from an earlier fascination with Islamic fundamentalism, which worried educated Pakistani women. He once said Muslim women could do anything as long as their husbands gave them

He has reinvented himself in the past year from a Westernised playboy to a tra-ditional Pakistani in baggy clothes. For a time he associated with General Hamid Gul, a fundamentalist hardliner who was head of the Pakistan intelligence agency. He was also close to the youth wing of the fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami party.

Protection for Mr Khan and his wife was stepped up last night, although security at the Explosives experts yester- hospital remained light.





Lethal drug: Nembutal, being used for euthanasia

### Nurse will be first on death machine

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A NURSE with terminal cancer hopes to be the first person to take advantage of the voluntary euthanasia laws which come into effect in Australia's Northern Territory on July 1, it was revealed

yesterday.

Mrs Jan Culhane plans to use Dr Philip Nitschke's controversial computer software that will allow her to kill herself by lethal injection.

After making a series of commands at a bedside laptop computer - linked to a syringe driver - she will see this message on screen: "If you press "Yes, you will cause a lethal injection to be given within 30 seconds and will die. Do you wish to proceed?" If she does so, Mrs Culhane will lose conciousness and die painlessly a few seconds later.

Before she takes that final step, two doctors have to

diplomats in Asia. The "ugly envoy" scandal has ruined Mr Downer's inauto establish that she is not gural tour, which takes him suffering from treatable cliniround the very "sex triangle" cal depression. haunted by the errant diplo-Mrs Culhane, 51, a nurse mats. When he landed in

for 30 years, has seen many of her patients suffer agonising death, a fate she is desperate to avoid. "I'm by no means under more pain that I've seen people survive, but it is pain that I am not willing to accept," she says.

Mrs Culhane developed breast cancer five years ago. and has had both breasts removed. The cancer has now spread to her lymph glands. A mother of three, separat-ed from her husband, she has already left her home in Albury, New South Wales, to live in Darwin. Critics of the legislation, who include the Australian Medical Association, fear Darwin could be-

come the death capital of the

Indonesia yesterday he was faced by allegations that William Brown, a former Second Secretary in the embassy in Jakarta, had been involved with four other Australians in a paedophile ring on the

nearby island of Lombok. Mr Brown and Robert Dunn, a former Sydney teacher, are being investigated by Indonesian and Australian federal police,

Last year Ken Aldred, a maverick Liberal MP, accused John Holloway, a former Ambassador to Manila and Cambodia, and three other senior diplomats, of being paedophiles. Mr Holloway has since returned to Australia and last week faced questions from police in Canberra.

Since then another topranking diplomat has been suspended on full pay, pending an investigation into child abuse allegations. Sources in Canberra said yesterday that he was believed to have worked in South-East Asia, although his whereabouts are unknown.

Mr Downer, who had been hoping to use his tour to bolster diplomatic and trade relations, said that "no stone would be left unturned" in the Government's purge of the diplomatic service. He described the alleged activities of Mr Brown as "abhorrent behaviour".

Mr Dunn, who appears to have been sheltered by Mr Brown for several months, has been described by an Australian royal commission as a paedophile. The commission. which is continuing its work. has been investigating child sex abuse allegations against diplomats and businessmen for the past year. James Wood, of the commission, described Mr Dunn's exploits as "evil" and "frightening".

### world, as hundreds of terminally ill people make their way there for a date with Dr Nitschke's "death machine". agree she is suffering from an illness that will result in Dr Philip Nitschke with his computer program. The "final message" is on screen death; and a psychiatrist has Doctor tells of backpackers' fatal wounds

By Roger Maynard

THE deaths of two British backpackers were detailed in a catalogue of injuries outlined in an Australian court yesterday. The jury listened in silence as Dr Peter Bradhurst, a forensic pathologist who carried out post-mortem examinations on Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters, revealed the extent of their wounds.

He said Walters, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, had suffered at least 14 stab wounds to the chest and neck. There was a gag around her mouth, and an untied ligature around her neck "suggested an attempt at strangulation or some form of restraint".

The body of Clarke, whose parents live near Hexham. Northumbria, was found with

a red cloth, which was peppered with gunshot holes. She had been shot ten times in the head and stabbed in the chest.

Or Bradhurst said the stab wounds would have had to have been made by a 30mm knife. Shown a Bowie knife in court, he said he would have expected the blade to have caused a different-sized entry wound. Ivan Milat, a roadworker who is alleged to have owned the knife, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of seven backpackers and the kidnapping of Paul Onions, a British tourist.

Earlier, Stephen Wright, an equity specialist from Beckenham, Kent, told how he met Clarke and Walters while he was on a working holiday

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during 1992. They had worked as grapepickers in a winery at Mildura. Victoria, and soured

Tasmania together. On their return to Sydney. he put them up in his room at a backpackers' hostel on April 17, 1992, just before they left in search of harvesting work in Western Australia. They were not officially at the hostel on the night, to avoid paying for another night's accommodation," he said. They left early the following morning. The prosecution asked:

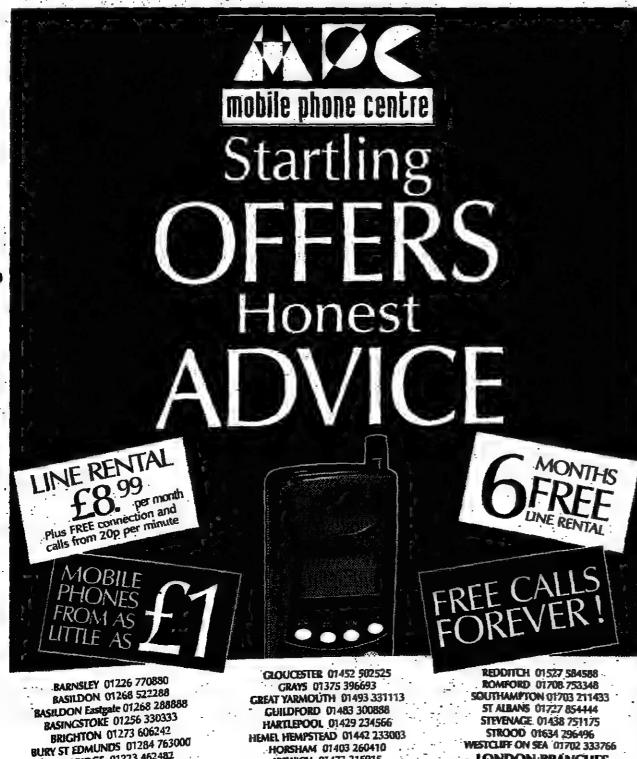
"Did you ever see them again?" He replied: "No." Their remains were discovered five months later in the Belanglo State Porest in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales.



Clarke repeatedly shot in the head



Walters: stabbed in the chest and neck



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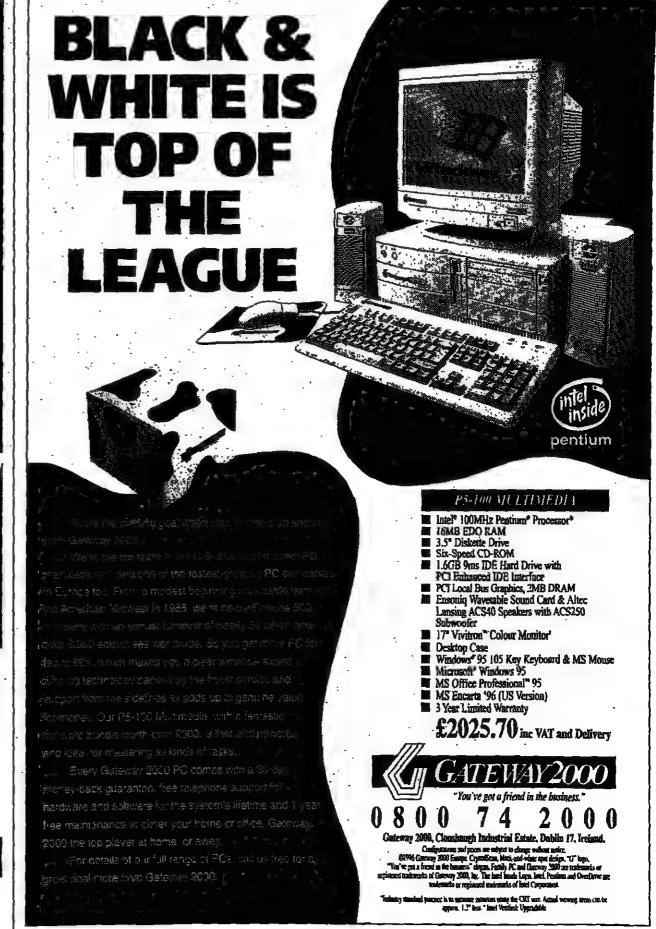
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# US and Japan seal new security pact to defend Pacific

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPAN and the United States, in a historic declaration yesterday, agreed to strengthen their defence alliance and pursue a joint strategy to maintain peace and prosperity in Asia and the Pacific in the post-Cold War era.

At a watershed summit. President Clinton and Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, celebrated the US-Japan security treaty as the anchor of "one of the most successful bilateral relationships in history".

Playing down the trade frictions that plagued previous summits. Mr Clinton and Mr Hashimoto focused on the need to restructure the alliance between the world's two biggest economic powers by expanding the role of the Japanese armed forces. "Our security alliance is the key to maintaining a Pacific at peace. profound regional change."

in a joint declaration on security, issued after the talks. the US pledged to maintain its current level of about 100,000 troops in East Asia, including 47,000 stationed in Japan. Mr

Hashimoto committed Japan to continue paying most of the costs of maintaining the US military presence.

Last night the Japanese media were unanimous in their opinion that the summit had lived up to its billing as the "most significant summit since the end of the Cold War"

words that William Perry. the US Defence Secretary, had used to preview the meeting.

The three-day official visit, which began on Tuesday, has been full of pomp. President and Mrs Clinton twice met Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, when they were officially welcomed and later yesterday at a banquet at the Imperial Palace.

After the meeting with Mr Hashimoto. Mr Clinton said America was committed to reducing the number of US bases on the southern island of Okinawa, where the military presence is most intrusive. Washington decided to return several facilities in a bid to caim anti-base protests on Okinawa after the rape of a schoolgirl by three US servicemen last vear. Standing beside the Presi-

dent in the grounds of Tokyo's Akasaka Palace yesterday, Mr Hashimoto emphasised that, without the US military presence. Japan would have to rearm itself, which would perturb its neighbours.

The summit marked the first time that leaders of Japan and America had come together to address the security challenges posed by the end of the Cold War and the waning of the Soviet threat. Now, the deterrent value of their alliance lies in coping with the increasing power of China and uncertainties about Pe-

king's future behaviour. The closer defence ties were symbolised by Mr Clinton's visit to the USS Independence. the aircraft carrier deployed last month to deter any Chinese attack on Taiwan during Peking's hostile military exercises. Speaking on board the carrier, anchored at Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo, Mr Clinton said its deployment helped to calm a rising storm". A Japanese Navy cruiser tied up alongside, and its crew joined in welcoming



Empress Michiko, right, introduces Hillary Clinton to members of the Imperial Family at a welcoming ceremony yesterday at the Akasaka Palace

alliance, Japan will in future play an active role alongside US forces in the common cause of defending the Asia-Pacific region. The two leaders also discussed what they could

and agreed to review guidelines on defence co-operation. Until now Japan had argued that a conflict in Korea or the Taiwan Strait was not its business. But many Japanese

biggest economic power can no longer shirk its responsibilpreparing the country for a further watering-down of its peace constitution by saying that Tokyo would incur world to US forces engaged in a Korean conflict.

Over the past year, teams from the Pentagon and the Japanese Self-Delence Forces have worked together on the

operation enshrined in yesteray's declaration, enabling Mr Clinton and Mr Hashimoto to wax eloquent about common security objectives as

# Jimmy the Goodfella makes gentle exit

help pensioners to cross the street

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JIMMY THE GENT has died, but not in a burst of bullets. Mobster James Burke. to give him his real name, was one of New York's original "Goodfellas" and was played in the film by Robert de Niro. He has died of cancer in hospital, after being taken there from prison.

Burke, of Irish immigrant stock, rose to prominence in New York's predominant-Italian mob after the then record theft of \$5.8 million from a Lufthansa jetliner at Kennedy airport in 1978. Police said that he was the head of the operation, although they never pinned the crime on the man whose other nickname was "the irish Godiather".

Many of those involved in the airport heist came to unpleasant ends in what became a notorious falling-out among thieves. Eight of them disappeared with concrete boots - and a pert beautician called Theresa Ferrara was chopped up into little pieces and scattered over New Jersey from a helicopter. Burke congregation is expected.

was called "Jimmy the Gent" partly in fearful irony, partly because he was one of those criminals who would help old age pensioners across the street and call police "Mr".

"I marvelled at his charm." said Ed McDonald, a former head of New York's Organised Crime Strike Force. "He was always polite."

Gambling was Burke's weakness, and the police finally tripped him up on a 1982 charge of fixing college basketball games. He was later convicted of murder. His victim, a drug dealer, was found in a meat freezer with his limbs "hog-tied".

At his own death. Jimmy the Gent still had ten years to do in jail. He died aged 64, a good tally for a mobster, and he went with his boots off, as the mourners remarked to each other at the James Romanelli undertaker's parlour where he deserved special rates. The funeral is today, and a dark-suited, bulky-jacketed

## gasping for Cuban cigar

crops and increased customs rigilance have caused a shortage of black market Cuban rigars in America (Quentin

Despite a trade embargo mposed by President Kennedy in 1963, a smuggling network has ensured that American smokers continued to enjoy the powerful "hit" of

The current shortage in which prices have risen by around 40 per cent, with 50 coronas fetching at least \$850 (£566), started in earnest two weeks ago after the recent deterioration in relations be-Washington and

# US smokers | Buchanan snipes at Dole with call for tough line on China

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PAT BUCHANAN put Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, on the spot vesterday by demanding an end to America's "abject appeasement" of China.

The conservative columnist was speaking for many on the Republican Right who believe it is time that the party treated China as a noxious neighbourhood buily and the biggest rogue nation on earth". Mr Dole is so torn on the issue, however, that he has cancelled a speech he was to

President Clinton must decide by June 4 whether to

sion of China's most favoured nation trading status, which means low tariffs on Chinese imports. He is expected to do so despite Peking's continuing human rights abuses, then of American intellectual property rights, flouting of arms control agreements and recent aggression towards Taiwan. Such a decision would give

Mr Dole a great opportunity to attack the President for coddling "the butchers of Beijing" - the very accusation Clinton made against President Bush during the 1992 presidential campaign.

However, Mr Dole has long supported preferential trading

because his home state of Kansas does considerable business with China. The Republicans' traditional business interests want China's favoured status renewed and Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, declared his support for a further extension

yesterday.
Mr Dole hopes to make Mr
Clinton's wobbly foreign policy performance a key election issue this autumn, but the Republicans are deeply divided on a whole range of foreign policy issues ranging from the rule of the United Nations to Nato expansion, and from imervention in Bosnia-Herze-



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# General tells Peres not to end war in Lebanon too soon

From Christopher Walker in jerusalem

ISRAEL'S top military officer in Lebanon yesterday issued an unprecedented challenge to Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, urging him not to order a swift end to

Operation Grapes of Wrath. The intervention by Briga-dier-General Giora Inbar has prompted an extraordinary political dispute in Israel about the conduct of the war in Lebanon.

The general, a controversial war hero who is regarded by many Israelis as too popular and closely involved in the fighting to dismiss, told reporters that the Israel Defence Force would not let Mr Peres negotiate an end to the war at

The general's challenge to the authority of the man who doubles as Prime Minister and Defence Minister cast a shadow over American-led diplomatic efforts to end the fighting, now in its seventh day. It provoked fury among

### MILITARY CHALLENGE

the influence of the main right-

wing Likud opposition party

behind the general's remarks:

Likud has argued that Opera-

tion Grapes of Wrath has not

yet gone far enough in dis-

mantling the terrorist capabil-

ities of the Iranian-backed

General Inbar is the liaison

officer with Israel's client mili-

tia, the South Lebanon Army

(SLA), which is carrying out

most of the fighting against

Hezbollah targets on the

but at this juncture of the

military operation he will not

be sacked," one Israeli official

said. "That would pull the

carpet from under the feet of

Government members of

the Knesset's Foreign Affairs

and Defence Committee de-

manded an explanation from

Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, the Chief of Staff. He

told the committee that Gener-

al Inbar's statement was "silly

and unnecessary". The Israeli Government is

anxious about the effects of the

conflict on domestic opinion

before the general election on

May 29 and the American-led diplomatic efforts to bring about a ceasefire. Dedi

Tsuker, a left-wing member of

the Knesset, said: "One should

hope that it is not the army

which is leading the political

echelon in this operation as

one may guess from [General]

Uri Dromi, the head of the

Government's press office,

said: "This was an aberration

by this man and not a sign

that the Government and the

military are not working in

complete harmony on this

inbar's statements.

"He will be reprimanded,

Hezbollah.

ground.

left-wing Israeli politicians who were concerned that their country was once again being dragged back into the Leba-

nese "quagmire".
"We are advancing step by step. We will not permit a situation in which the Prime Minister suddenly stops us without having accomplished the tasks," the general said at the Tel Naches base in the occupied south Lebanon "security zone" held by Israel since 1985. He repeatedly broke off from his remarks to direct artillery reprisals against at-

tacks to the north. Fears immediately swept the Labour-led Government that the top brass had effectively usurped power from Mr Peres, a politician renowned for not having a military

Many commentators saw

# Hezbollah rejects peace conditions

IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE pro-Iranian Hezbollah group yesterday rejected an American proposal for ending a week-long Israeli blitz into Lebanon and renewed its commitment to its guerrilla warfare against Israel's occupation of south Lebanon.

"We reject the American initiative," Hezbollah MP Ali Ammar said. "To us. the American proposal means

President Clinton, speaking in Tokyo, regretted that the peace initiative had not made progress but insisted "We will do what we can to bring an end to the violence and try to re-establish a workable agreement." Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State. tive, telephoning the foreign ministers of Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia from Tokyo.

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Mr Ammar said: "We believe that the American side is not fit to launch any initiatives because it provides the political, moral and military cover for the Israeli aggression. Any American initiative is naturally in line with the Israeli conditions ... We assert our basic principles to continue our resistance so long as occupation of our land

provoking Israel. A State Department spokesman said: believe that if Hezbollah Israel would also be willing to



criticise the Israell offensive and repeatedly blamed Hezbollah rocket attacks for What we would like to see is an agreement by Hezboliah to stop the rocket attacks. We there is reason to believe that

operation." America has refused to Some diplomatic observers believe General Inbar spoke out in an attempt to warn the Government against trying to bring about any quick halt to the fighting such as that ordered in 1993 to end Operation Accountability. They pointed out that there was an undercurrent of hawkish



Rafik Hariri has a final inspection by a military aide before meeting John Major

# Major offers aid for civilians fleeing onslaught

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR yesterday told Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, that Britain was ready to rush emergency aid to Lebanon to help civilians fleeing the Israeli onslaught.

The Downing Street talks came as Britain took a mark-edly more critical line towards the Israeli attacks on Lebanon. The Prime Minister expressed his concern, and said everything must be done to break the cycle of violence. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said Britain was disturbed by the rising number of civilian casualties. The mounting violence was another threat to the peace process. New humanitarian problems were developing as people fled

from the south of the country.

Mr Hariri told a press
conference that his Government would not try to disarm Hezbollah while the Israelis occupied the south of Lebanon. That would be a betrayal. and would condone the occupation. Peace was not possible until Israel fulfilled United Nations resolution 425 calling for the removal of its troops.

He welcomed both the American and French peace proposals: each had points that Lebanon could accept as well as unacceptable proposLONDON

plans, and supported their demand that Israel stop at tacking Lebanese civilians. The Israeli attacks had not harmed Hezbollah, he noted:

strengthened the radical group. No Hezbollah fighter had been killed, and its military machine was intact. Mr Hariri admined that Hezbollah posed problems for his Government. But he added: "If Israel asks us to make life easy for them while they

on the contrary, they had

are occupying parts of our country, we are not going to do that. No Lebanese government could do that." Israel had made it quite clear that its intention was to hurt Lebanon's economic recovery. The attacks on power stations had plunged Beirus into darkness. But he defiantly rejected any intimidation. Beirut was not in panic, he said: the currency was stable; and

France had promised emer-

gency help to repair the power stations within two days.

Last night the British Red Cross launched an emergency appeal for those displaced by the fighting. It said that an estimated 400,000 people had fled, and the exodus was still

# Defiant few remain in frontline ghost city

'ALLAH be with you," said the nervous young Lebanese soldier manning an anti-aircraft position, as he waved us into Tyre, a virtual ghost city on the last active front line in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

There had seemed little to fear as we approached on the deserted coastal road. Farmers still picked crops in the citrus groves and banana plantations and street traders sold foam mattresses to the homeless. "Dream Well" said one sign.

However, within minutes of entering the city, once the centre of the ancient Phoenician civilisation, the boom of an Israeli warplane breaking the sound barrier shook the TELLITY DECOM some scornful amusement for group of Lebanese and Palestinian men lounging out-



In the bombarded city of Tyre, Michael Theodoulou discovers a mood of grim fatalism as Israel returns to the attack

side a rundown café with blown-out windows. They had experienced much worse in

past days and years. Tyre, usually home to more than 200,000 people, was occupied by Israeli forces for three years after their 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Since Sunday's Israell ultimatum for everyone to leave, the city and several villages surrounding it, have suffered an avermildly curious sightseers, the group of men stirred themselves to watch an Israeli

Apache helicopter gunship swooping low over a village south of the city.

There was a distant rumble and a plume of dense smoke which rose above the wooded hills of the Jebel Arnal, the Hills of Hope.

"Lucky Strike" read a cigarette advertisement hoarding over the cafe above a poster of Ayatollah Khomeini, the late Iranian leader. The air raids ued all day. A convoy of five white vehicles with bluehelmeted Ghanaian United

screamed past, bearing humanitarian ald for some 6.000 civilians in southern Lebanon who have thrown themselves at the UN's mercy.

The ferocity of the blitz meant overstretched UN peacekeepers were unable m reach hundreds more people they feared marooned, hungry and short of medicine.

The mood of the few thousand who have remained in Tyre and braved the Israeli blitz that has filled its hospital with mostly civilian casualties was one of defiant fatalism. Some were grimly satisfied that Hezboliah has rejected an American ceasefire proposal and had continued to fire into northern Israel.

The only language Israel understands is force," said

peacekeepers Mahmoud Kod, a student who added that he had remained in Tyre to show his support for Hezbollah.

☐ Metulia, northern israel: When Israel allowed Lebanese children to cross the country's northern border yesterday to receive medical treatment. some journalists present felt the operation was so stagemanaged they could not report it (Ross Dunn writes).

The mission's objective was to show that Israelis care about the suffering of Lebanese civilians. Some journalists felt those coming across the border were being treated just as much by "spin doctors" as they were by medical practitioners. Never before the inter been so deluged with information by the usually reserved Israeli military authorities.



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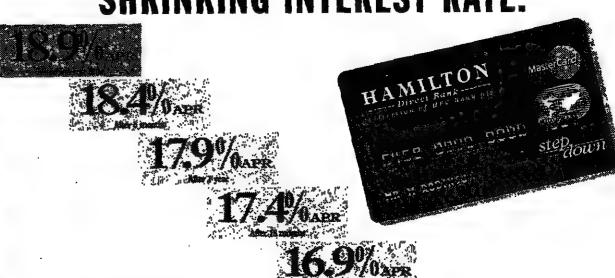
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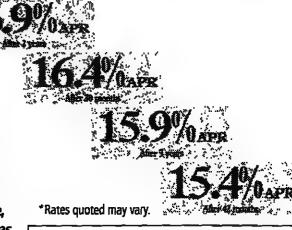
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AFTER the recent sperm-count scare, which revealed that men are becoming less able to procreate because of ubiquitous artificial oestrogens, global warming and tight trousers, a new report has driven the final nail into the coffin of what was once the male sex

A study by the marriage guid-ance service Relate claims that the incidence of impotence has been rising steadily, as it were, over the past ten years (one in four men in psychosexual therapy complain of the problem), and that the cause of this is purely social. "There has been a significant increase in power for women," says a Relate therapist, commenting on the find-ings. "And this has led to disorders in male desires, with them feeling uninterested in sex."

Among other explanations, it has been suggested that men may feel that the only power left to them is the power to say "no" to sex. While this is clearly reactionary sexism, it does reopen some of the old wounds of the sexual revolution. As

well as some of the questions.

Can a powerful woman make a
man feel so uncomfortable that he is unable to perform sexually? Can the existence of female superiors in the office operate a general emasculation that he takes home with him in the evenings? And does this mean that an environment of social and professional equality compromises traditional sexual relations? The trouble, as ever, is getting

any sense out of men. Taxi driver Mark Law, 34, sees it like this: "When you've got a bird in the back of the cab your first thought is always 'what are my chances'. But when it is a woman with a briefcase who wants to go to Bishopsgate, then it's strictly hands off, know what I mean? They don't do anything for me. But I'm sure I could, if I had to.

Vic Harper, 27, is a foreign



The classic question . . . but now it is being asked by men who are worried that the growing power of women at work is threatening their masculinity

# Why successful women fail to turn men on

exchange dealer in the City. "This is a tricky one." he says. "Looking around me I can't see a single woman in the dealing room. The only ones in this company are secretaries. But if I had a powerful boss I can't imagine I would feel emasculated. I would consider it a challenge to seduce her.

"However tough she seemed to

be at work, I suspect she'd be a more, and pounce on her the pussycat in the bedroom. I think it would make her much more attractive, more of a challenge . . . a touch of the Sharon Stones.

What if his own girlfriend were suddenly to become powerful, returning from work late, in a pinstripe suit, after a hard day's asset stripping? "I'd fancy her even

moment she got in. It's like having a 32-year-old when you are only lo - the ultimate high - but as you

get older, power replaces age as the thing that makes a woman exciting and, in a way, frightening. It's something extra to brag about to your mates, and if you encounter operational difficulties due to an inferiority complex, well, you don't tell them that, do you?"

The experience of Dr Thomas Stuttaford suggests that a number of men may be concealing their failures in this way. He cites a survey taken among farming families in which the women were found often to be frigid, but the men very potent. "When these

families moved to the city," he says. "the women got jobs and lost their frigidity, only to find the men had become impotent. I saw a lot of this when I was working in a VD clinic. It is all because men are brought up, wrongly, to think of themselves as stags and the women as receptive hinds. But when that balance is challenged the men - particularly This problem does not afflict This problem noes not anisc photographer Robin March, whose girlfriend is a successful journalist. "I can't say I've noticed any qualitative difference in my perfor-mance," he says. "A woman is only a woman, after all. They just have different buttons."

Meaning you have to press different emotional buttons, so to speak, to generate sexual responses in women of different statuses?

No. I mean they have different buttons. A successful woman his lots of big Chanel buttons down the front of her power suit. A student has the fly-buttons on her jeans. And a really cheap date will have no buttons at all, just a zip.

It seems that the onset of second.

generation Laddism has blown away the sexual reticence of the early 1990s, and men are forced to profess sexual interest in any animate object that crosses their path. Who knows, maybe Patsy Kensit's fame causes even Liam Gallagher trouble in bed? Bur would he admit to it?

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nlikely. It would be like Macheth admitting that he had not had a tumble since his wife took an' interest in politics. "Unsex me here!" she cried, and repeatedly cursed her femininity. The logic of Macbeth equates power with masculinity, and to get her way Lady Macbeth had to become a man. Now, everyone knows that Macbeth's inactivity was actually a metaphor for his sexual impotence he simply could not perform for such a powerful woman.

Rodney Logan, a 26-year-old pilot, has encountered similar problems. "One of my instructors, on an important flight test, was a very lovely young German," he says. "I knew that she fancied me, and felt that I was obliged to impress her with my fiving to impress her with my flying to confirm her desire. It all got rather steamy. But there were a thousand other things I abould have been concentrating on. In the event, I made a mess of the flight, and when she did make a pass at me. I wasn't in the mood at all. So no test

pass, and no hanky-panky.\*

And what has he learni? "I have raught myself to be utterly oblivi-ous to sex, and act on a strictly nogender basis. Spending long hours alone in a subservient position with women in their late-twenties, the thought invariably comes up. But I have to pretend I have no balls, it is the only way."

### ☐ Most mental patients are docile but can we predict when one will strike? ☐ Hay-fever sufferers should take early treatment

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Dr Thomas

Stuttaford

AFTER my father had qualified as a doctor he found that his duties severely interfered with playing cricket. His compromise was to accept a junior hospital appointment at Cane his team-mate. This gesture Even today when diagnosis undeniable that they are more Hill, the psychiatric hospital in Surrey. At Cane Hill his clinical duties weren't arduous, he had plenty of time off to play cricket and was even able to organise a hospital side for the patients and staff.

One fellow team member, a schizophrenic, was a particular friend and as a result my father spent much of his time on the ward, chatting to him about cricket, life and psychiatric problems. One day after the usual jolly morning chat, my father was about to leave the room, but before leaving turned round to give a wave to

# Signs of violence

may have saved his life, for at that moment his fellow cricketer clubbed him with a long, thick sock which had been painstakingly filled with stones collected over many weeks from the cricket field. The sudden turn before leaving resulted in the blow failing on my father's shoulders rather than his head.

For the rest of his life my father used this story to illustrate his view that violence is not always predictable and that it requires more experi-ence than he had at the time to notice any warning signs.

and care in hospitals has improved immeasurably, one in ten patients still assault staff, and NHS workers are three times more likely than their contemporaries in in-

dustry to be injured. Although the mentally ill account for a very small proportion of the perpetrators violent crime, stories of such crime when it involves psychiatric patients being cared for in the community. usually attract headlines. The great majority of schizophrenpatients are over-sensitive and retiring by nature but it is

carried an article by Jeremy Coid. Professor of Forensic Psychiatry at Barts and the London Hospitals Medical College, on these risks in which he

admits that the true potential for dangerous behaviour may ously underestimated. So while for doctors, patients and their families it is

comforting to know that in any one year, 90 per cent of schizophrenics whose disease is not complicated by other mental problems are unlikely to be involved in any violent episode, for the patients' neighbours a 10 per cent chance of a barny next door,

likely than the rest of the

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violent incidents.

nai has recently

in the street or at work may seem unacceptable. Both Professor Coid's arti-

cle and the commentary on it outline the factors which may help to predict which patients are more likely to be violent. This more detailed and careful assessment is essential. It might in the past have saved

my father his humiliating and potentially lethal attack, but if today it could be used to give greater selectivity when choosing those who are to be cared for in the community, the genpublic eral would be saved from baving

their fears unnecessarily aroused by the

The clinical indications of risk are numerous but paranoid persecutory delusions are the most obvious risk factor either when they result in the patient feeling under threat, or when patients feel that their minds are con-

trolled by outside forces.



WHEN the British Allertion decided to start its antihav fever campaign early

this year, it had no way of knowing that spring would be so late. Usually by the second week

of April those who suffer from a streaming nose, red eyes and uncontrollable speczing when they are confronted by pollen would have already been closing the windows and reaching for their dark glasses, while leaving it to others to wander idly beneath the cherry biossom.

The foundation's campaign is designed to encourage pa-tients to commence taking their treatment before the hay-fever season has reached its peak, which normally corresponds to the time when the atmosphere is heaviest with grass poliens — in June and

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now, patients may not only avoid the serious consequences of bity fever - poor work performance, bud exam results and possible road accidenis -- but may also be able to enjoy a better social life. Sniffing toto a sodden hand-kerchief has never done much to increase sex appeal.



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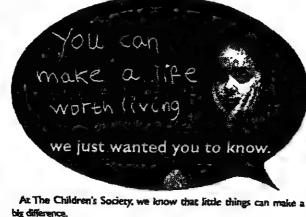


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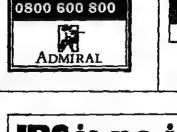
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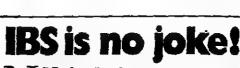
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says Georgia Clark. "People

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# The other Yeltsin



The real Yeltsin

### E<sub>ven the</sub> Muscovites are confused when the President's double steps out, says Richard Beeston

BORIS YELTSIN strode purposefully into the Moscow bar as a group of dozy waiters and waitresses snapped to attention with a look of disbelief on their faces.

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The man who seldom ventures out of the confines of the Kremlin, unless he is escorted by a cavalcade of limousines and bodyguards, had wandered in off the street and ordered a large brandy."I should get out and about a bit more like this," said the silverhaired Russian, nodding regally at the startled customers. The people love it when they

can see me up close." The ruse would probably have worked, had Aleksandr Skorokhod, Yeltsin's lookalike, not been joined at that moment by a Lenin double, complete with goatee beard and worker's cap, who upstaged the performance with a noisy speech about world

"Typical of a communist." snarled Skorokhod anticably about his fellow impostor, with whom he often works in a double act. They always want the last word."

Skorokhod entered a lookalike contest in 1990, along with hundreds of Lenevs and Gorbachevs. Although he easily beat the



Yeltsin category, he was not fully convinced of his likeness until he tested it out on some unsuspecting Muscovites.

"I was walking down the Arbat (a famous Moscow street) with a guy from Kazakhstan who won the Ronald Reagan competition," he recalls. "I noticed that he had a button missing from his coat and that we were in front of a haberdashery shop. I went in, explained that the American President was ourside and that we needed their help. The old ladies fell for it and got to work sewing on a new button."

A year later, when the Soviet

himself very popular. In the old days, a double's only role was that of disinformation appearing in public in place of a desperately sick leader, for example. But post cold war, lookalikes are in huge demand. Skorokhod has had he was left speechless." walk-on roles in six foreign The more Skorokhod plays films, including a bit part in

e has reached such cult status in his home town of . Tagenrog that the local administration frequently invites him to attend public functions in an effort to lighten the atmosphere during VIP

Police Academy VII.

\*When Solzhenitsyn came to visit our area I was introduced said. "The poor man started a Russian leader came into the long speech, before he realised room. "As we stood facing each other, a priest who was he had been tricked. To give him credit, he thought it was part of the film walked in and did not know which of us to very funny. The same is not address until he recognised true of Vladimir Zhirinovsky (the ultra-nationalist leader). the missing fingers on Yeltsin's hand from a child-

hood accident."

After six years of imperson-

ating the Kremlin leader,

Skorokhod's brief acting

career could be in jeapardy.

however, since President

Yeltsin is trailing in the polls

the role of the President, the more he finds he has in common with Yeltsin other than just the extraordinary similarity of his facial features. "I was very surprised by

and faces a tough re-election how alike we are," he says. battle this June. "I have noticed that people "We both worked as construction engineers, we were both have changed their attitudes to in the Communist Party and Yeltsin. They used to be much with genuine regret. "Still, he

THIS morning the Archbishop of Uganda, Livingstone Mpalanyl-Nkoyoyo, on a goodwill visit to Bristal will seek of the continu tol, will speak of the continuing urgent need of his country for fresh milk to

combat malnutrition.

At the same time, we in Britain are busy devising schemes in which 15,000 cows can be sent to the incinerator every week for no scientifically proved reason, but to "restore confidence". Forget for one moment, if

you can, the uncomfortable iuxtaposition of these two events, and think instead of one cow in particular. She was called Tutti; a black and white Friesian heifer bought two years ago by readers of this newspaper and sent to Uganda as part of an inspired aid scheme run by Send a Cow, the charity based in Bath. On your behalf, I went with her.

The moment I handed her over to her new keeper. Betty Kiwanuka, was unforgettable, not simply because of the tears in Betty's eye or the singing of joy-

ful hymns by the dozen children in her care; but because this was not a single gesture, rather the down-payment on a long-term in-vestment that would not only supply milk for the family and village but income for Betty with which she could buy education for her children and provide employment in village.

it wasn't all bad

news from the Paul H cow's point of view either; Send a Cow funds British-trained vets to oversee the training of the cows' new owners, teaches animal welfare and nutrition, and the growing of fodder crops. Given that the climate in Uganda is moist and warm and not overpowering despite its equatorial position, it is never steamier than a hot summer's day in Devon.

To prove the point, losses among cows exported to Uganda by Send a Cow are half what might be expected in a herd living in Britain. In other words, the gift of a cow brings food, health and wealth to those who need it

money to other charities." The answer is no. put on

This year, because of the worldwide ban on the export of British cattle, no cows will be sent from Britain. Think what this could mean for the ten families who are eagerly waiting for this year's shipment. They have worked hard building a shelter for their cow, they have cleared land on their small farms in order to grow elephant grass and other forage crops, and they have been trained in its care. It has already cost them dearly from their tiny incomes.

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They have lived in hope for over a year having seen the transformation the coming of the cow has brought to the lives of others. I have seen it myself. One family I visited had put two children through university from the sale of surplus milk from just one cow.

Betty, to whom Tutti was given, can now afford to buy sugar and salt to offer her guests. It may seem little,

but it matters a lot to her. "We are trying to source Africa itself," says Georgia Clark "We may be able to find some in Zimbabwe, but the decision has been taken that no cows will come from Britain this уеаг.

l would not wish to be the one to break this news to the hopeful families in Úganda for whom the expected gift of a cow is the equivalent of a major lottery win. Send

Paul Heiney and the cow that brought hope Send a Cow has sourced its a Cow will work on, despite the ban.

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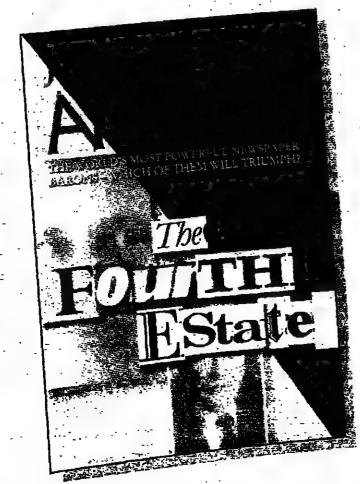
But until the ban on the export of British cattle is lifted, the unique gift of the cow is on hold. Alas, as the Archbishop will remind a silent, concerned Bristol audience this morning, the need of the Ugandans is not. Send a Cow, Unit 4, Priston Mill, Priston, Bath BA 29EQ. ■ Read Paul Heiney's column



It is him, or isn't it? Aleksandr Skorokhod (alias Boris Yeltsin) poses for the camera in a Moscow sauna

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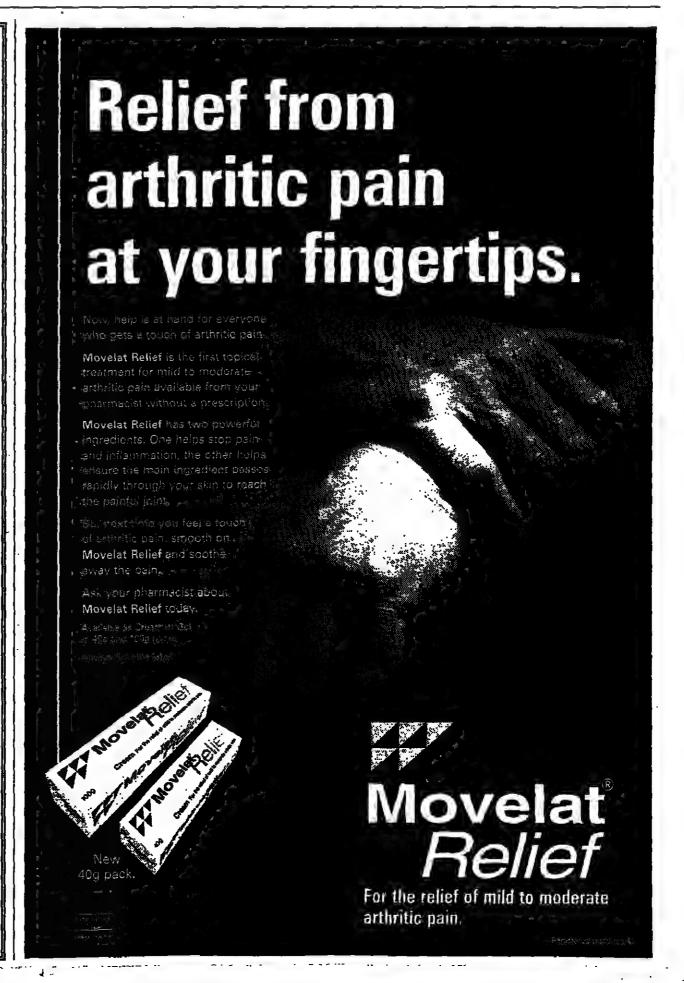
# **EXCLUSIVE** SERIALISATION OF JEFFREY ARCHER'S **NEW NOVEL STARTS ON SUNDAY**



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# The scoop that nearly ruined us

John Grigg throws some new

light on the Parnell forgery

tory of The Times. It was the first occasion when the paper published a story under a double-column headline, but the story itself is what really matters; its consequences for the paper were profound.

The sensational feature was a facsimile letter, ostensibly written by the Irish nationalist leader, Charles Stewart Parnell, which suggested that his public denunciation of the Phoenix Park murders had been hypocritical. A week before the date on the letter, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lord Frederick Cavendish, and his Under-Secretary, T.H. Burke, had been stabbed to death while walking in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

In the letter, the death of

Cavendish was referred to as a regrettable "accident"; that of Burke as being "no more than his deserts". Appearing after three powerful articles in the paper on "Parnellism and Crime", this letter seemed to link Parnell to a recent and gruesome crime. The immediate impact of the articles, and above all of the letter, was highly beneficial to the Union-

But this did not last long. Parnell had shown

no inclination to Nothing respond to the general charge, being well aware that could atone his movement had for having close connections with men of vioprinted the and that much of the finanforgery cial support for it in America had violent

activity in view. But he dismissed the letter as "an unblushing fabrication" and called for a Commons select committee to inquire into it. The Conservative Government decided instead to set up a commission of three judges to investigate the wider ques-tion. In the course of its lengthy proceedings, the facsimile letter, and others that the paper had acquired through an intermediary, were exposed as forgeries. The forger, Richard Pigott, fled the country after giving evidence, and within days shot himself in a Madrid hotel room, having confessed to his guilt.

An important incidental effect of the commission was to boost the career of H.H. Asquith, who acted as junior counsel on the Parnellite side. The wide publicity that he gained in this role may have ensured his appointment straight to the senior Cabinet post of Home Secretary when Gladstone formed his last ministry in 1892.

It was very different for The Times and its founding dynasty, the Walters. Though the judges' eventual conclusions substantially vindicated the paper's general case, nothing could atone for the offence of the forged letters. Parnell's authority and prestige were restored, if only temporarily, while the paper under the Walters' ownership suffered irreparable damage.

The commission cost The Times £200,000 (equivalent to about £10 million today), at a time when it was facing stiff competition from cheaper papers. Perhaps an even worse loss, as the official Times

IN A reconciliation worthy of a handshake on the White House

lawn. Jonathan Aitken and the

Thatchers are back on terms. At

the launch of Carol Thatcher's

biography of her father, Sir Denis.

on Tuesday. Aitken and the Thatcher ensemble were like peas

Almost two decades ago, Airken.

MP for Thanet South, and Miss

Thatcher were the glamour couple

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pril 18. 1887, was a history says, was of its "legend of inerrancy". The "awe of holy writ, which from the age of Barnes had clung about its

of Barnes had clung about its columns, now faded away".

Barnes's successor as Editor was G.E. Buckle, who in 1887 had been in the job for only three years and was still in his early thirties. He was a clergy-man's son, handsome, bearded, and with an impeccable scholarly background, included, and with an impercante scholarly background, includ-ing an All-Souls fellowship. After the Pigott debacle he offered to resign, but the offer was refused. He soldiered on

for another quarter-century. Meanwhile, in 1908, the Walter regime came to an end. when the ailing paper was taken over by the supreme exponent of the new journalsm. Lord Northcliffe. At first, Northcliffe's attitude to Buckle was friendly, even effusive, but they were basically incompatible. A man who made a point of having no telephone on his desk was not Northcliffe's kind of journalist, though when Roy Thomson gained control of the paper in 1966, the office. In 1912, Buckle was pushed out and began a second career as a biographer. and as editor of Queen Vic-toria's letters. He died in 1935.

A collection of Buckle's papers has recently been acquired for the archive of The Times, from Buckle's grandson. Patrick Pirie-Gordon. who readily saw the point of keeping the collection together. The paper's enter-

Dyas, says the collection fills a major gap. Having gone through the papers myself, I agree with him. Buckle was in close touch with many of the leading figures of his time, political and literary. Their etters to him contain much that should interest historians.

When the "Parnellism and Crime" articles were appearing. Buckle was given police official wrote to him: "You will certainly do well to return in a Hansom — the safest mode of conveyance owing to the fact that the driver is in a position whence he can see anyone approaching the vehicle."

Patrick Pirie-Gordon re-members his grandfa-ther well. He expected the young "to keep mentally alert". At tea, "he would produce some Latin tag or quotation to be construed by a visiting grandson". This streak of pedantry was not confined to his dealings with the young. Among the letters now in the archive is one from Arthur Balfour, Leader of the Commons at the time, in which he apologises - with more than a hint of irony - for a grammatical lapse noted by Buckle: "You are quite right; 'should' ought most undoubtedly to have been 'would' . . . "
Balfour and Buckle were on

friendly terms and played golf together. But in December 1905, when Balfour resigned as Prime Minister, he made a mistake far graver than any grammatical slip in offering Buckle a baronetcy. Buckle's reply was a polite but magiste-

was said to be devastated, and her mother is said to have laid the

blame squarely at Aitken's door.

His notable absence from her

Governments was often put down

It was not until Aitken's 18th

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Aitken heart

of Conservative circles. Then the held at No 10 for Baroness That-

relationship ended. Miss Thatcher cher's 70th birthday. Aitken was



# Adultery versus duty

Monarchy is a demanding first met Sarah Ferguson some years before she became a duchess. She was then working in institution — but so is matrimony

William Drummond's art gallery in Covent Garden, where I was an occasional but enthusiastic customer. When one went in to see an exhibition, one was greeted by this rather bubbly young red-haired assistant who would hand out a catalogue and ask one to sign the visitors' book. Whatever may have happened to her since, she was not then the strangely exaggerated person one now reads friendly and hard-working.

That memory of her as a young woman would alone be enough to stop me joining in the chorus of criticism. I hope she will now get her life together again; at the very least, the Duchess of York obviously needs a good accountant. Nor would I waлt to criticise the Duke of York; I have never met him, but he seems to have behaved as well as anyone could expect in a painful situation. He has also risked his life for his country, for which one should always be grateful.

Nevertheless, there are public issues. The failure of three marriages of the Oueen's children has damaged the respect for the monarchy, both in Britain and in the Commonwealth. Yet these marriage failures are typical of the state of modern marriage in Britain, which has the highest divorce rate in Europe. No doubt it is more difficult to marry into the Royal Family than into the average family, but the royal outcome is not all that much worse than that of the average citizen. There must be many other families born in the second half of this century in which there have already been three divorces; some have no doubt suffered multiple divorces, which the

Royal Family has so far been spared. The damage to the Royal Family comes from our having higher expectations of them than we have for ourselves. That is part of their role. As citizens, we may recognise that we live in a modern age, which has much more hedonistic values than earlier generations. We nevertheless expect the Royal Family to preserve the more stoical values of the period of the British Empire and the world wars. These values were exemplified by the reigns of King George V and King George VI, and by the Queen herself. They were contradicted by the brief reign of King Edward VIII, who could never understand the contemporary public resentment at

noticeably invited only to pre-

Now the freeze is over. At the

book launch, held in the East India

Club in St James's, Aitken was

busy chatting away to Miss Thatcher and her youthful ski-

instructor boyfriend. It even

emerged that he had helped by

reading proofs of the book.

What is more, Aitken has been

entertaining the Thatchers at his home. "I had Margaret and Denis

down for lunch just the other day."

he said. "Denis liked it because I'm

right on the edge of the Royal St.

George's course at Sandwich. He

But Sir Denis has been forced

by arthritis to give up the game he loves. He explained: "I re-

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wife of six months, the model Don-na Peele. Now, this wildest of the

young Hollywood set claims to

have found God and been "saved".

Describing his new-found faith

to an American magazine, Sheen

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his putting personal happiness ahead of his duty to the country. His life is still an awful warning. Monarchy depends on the ancient

values system of honour and duty. It cannot function unless it commands loyalty, and loyalty can only be won by an absolute willingness to sacrifice personal inclination to public duty. Edward VIII's view that marriage to the woman he loved mattered more than the throne of England was quite incompatible with this overriding claim of duty. Yet obviously such an apparently archaic value system has been widely rejected in the contemporary world, and

in its fullest sense is now hardly held by anyone. This conflict between the old and the new values threatens the survival of monarchy in every country where the institu tion has so far survived the many

dangers of the 20th century. Yet this conflict is at least as great a threat to marriage as it is to monarchy, and marriage is by far the more important of the two institutions. Monarchy depends on putting duty ahead of pleasure, as the Queen has done, and as her father and grandfather did before her. Marriage depends on that as well. Neither institution has a chance of success unless there is a commitment to endurance and self-sacrifice: the hedonistic cal-

culus is equally destructive of both.
Without asking Lenin's question —
"Who, whom?" — there has clearly
been a lot of adultery in these failed royal marriages; indeed, two of the leading figures have publicly confessed to it on television. Many of the marriages of my contemporaries have failed; in most of those failures there has been adultery on one side or both, and it has played a large part in these breakdowns. Sometimes it has been the primary and sometimes the secondary cause, but it has almost always been present.

Nowadays adultery is quite fashionable, and it is thought priggish to speak ill of such a national institution. Indeed, it has almost become a human right, to be defended by all politically correct people. Yet there is no doubt that adultery causes alienation in marriage, and lowers its resistance to the natural shocks through which, at one time or another, every marriage has to pass. In marriage, people suffer sickness, irritability and depression; they have worries about money; they worry about their children, sometimes little worries about exams and sometimes big worries about drugs or health: they quarrel over trivial things; they grow old; they are separated by business; they have to care for elderly parents, who may even be demented:

they are kept awake at nights by teething babies. All these things have to be overcome. Adultery weakens the bond which allows marriage to survive these natural difficulties; it is the matrimonial equivalent of an attack on the

immune system, and opens the way to many other diseases.

y own observation has been that human beings fall into three groups, so far as adultery is concerned. There are those for whom it is irresistible - I even knew a man who took both his new wife and his old mistress on his honeymoon: he subsequently married the mistress, and could not be faithful to her either. There are those, at the other extreme, who are naturally strongly monogamous, for whom the idea of adultery is instinctively repellent. I remember another acquaintance who said: "I no more wish to sleep with another man's wife, than I wish to clean my teeth with his toothbrush." This attitude may be commoner among women than men, but it is not unusual in either sex. Even nowadays, women often have a deeper commitment to the stability of marriage than their husbands. because the maternal bond to child-

ren is so strong. The larger number probably lies in the middle: for most people adultery may be an occasional temptation, but not normally an irresistible one. If they are exposed to particular circumstances, such as the separations

and opportunities of wartime, they are rather likely to be unfaithful. If are rather likely to be unfaithful. If they live in a stable, monogamous culture, they are rather likely to remain faithful. The strength of the temptation will not override their desire to be faithful, if they have formed a conscientious belief that fidelity is an absolute condition of marriage. If there is no such belief, temptation has its chance. The culture in which they have been brought up is very important to the decision. up is very important to the decision.

The late-20th-century view is that sexual pleasure has an almost preeminent value; it is often put higher than the more sober values of fidelity. duty, reliability, the welfare of children and so on. This has historically been a common pattern in rich and leisured societies, and relative to previous centuries, modern Britain is

rich and leisured on a mass scale. The birth control Pill, despite present doubts, has liberated many women from the restraints of potential pregnancies. There is also the post-Freudian ideology, reinforced by the commercial exploitation of sex. which has made adultery seem more attractive, or even necessary to psychological health. These are the facts, welcome or unwelcome, and they cannot be wished away. We live in an age more exposed than previous ones to the allurements of adultery, and therefore more people are adulterers; these people were bound to include

members of the Royal Family. The trouble is that adultery is a powerful social solvent. It tends to wash away the cement of marriage; those who depend on the stability of marriage, particularly children, suffer great damage as a result. In the case of the Royal Family, it does further harm. It undermines royal marriages as much as other marriages, but it is predicated upon the Duke of Windsor's principle that love is more important than duty. That may be an arguable proposition in philosophy, but it is fatal to the idea of monarchy. Adultery therefore tends to wash away the trust that the public gives to members of the Royal Family, as well as the trust they have for each other in their marriages.

The stern doctrine must be that the stability of the monarchy rests on a culture of tough-minded stoicism, of putting duty first. In marriage, duty includes faithfulness. The monarchy is by nature a demanding institution but then so is matrimony. Both repay the demands they make with great and extraordinary benefits.

# Gay pride before a fall

Magnus Linklater

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There has been a marked lack of sympathy in Washington for Andrew Sullivan, the British editor of New Republic who announced simultaneously that he was resigning from the magazine and that he was infected with the HIV virus. Instead of compassion for his condition and respect for the openness with which he revealed it Sullivan's departure has been greeted with an uncharacteristic display of Schadenfreude. His literary editor said he felt "unburdened"; others claimed that Sullivan was using the news of his infection to cloak the fact-that he had been fired — a charge he angrily denies.

From what is probably the world From what is probably the world capital of political correctness, these comments were surprisingly ungenerous. This may be because Sullivan had a tyrannical style of editing which alienated his own staff; it may have been the smouldering resentment of American journalists, who reckon there are far too many Brits editing their magazines. But it may editing their magazines. But it may also have stemmed from Sullivan's brand of assertive homosexuality. He wrote regularly about this, sometimes movingly, sometimes aggressively, and he was no stranger to

personal publicity.

Last year, in his book Virtually
Normal, he took the argument a step further, in a way which seemed to fly in the face of his title. Homosexuals, he said, were not just another section of society. "The truth is," be wrote, "homosexuals are not entirely normal; to flatten their varied and complicated lives into a single moralistic model is to miss what is essential and exhilarating about their otherness." He admitted that his homosex-uality had led him gradually to lose contact with his straight or married friends, and that he had become absorbed in the gay community.

hat difference had been exacerbated by Aids. It was the homosexual's familiarity with death that ultimately set him spart.

"Homosexuals in contemporary
America tend to die young," he wrote.

"They die surrounded by young death and by the arch symbols of cultural otherness." At the time he was writing this, he was aware that he himself was HTV-rositive though he himself was HIV-positive, though he did not mention it in the book. A routine test, taken three years ago, showed he had detected the infection in its early stage, and he has now embarked on a full course of available drugs, taking about 20 pills a day. Although he was adamant this week that Aids is "a survivable illness", and that he is "allergic to the past tense", he has seen six friends die from the syndrome in the past year alone. "Aids has intensified a difference that I think is inherent between homosexual and heterosexual adults," he says.

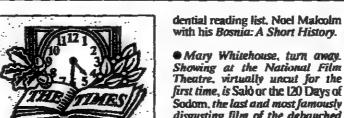
This makes uncomfortable reading. The conventional liberal view is that homosexuality is merely a variation on the sexual scale, that for a man to be gay is as acceptable as it is for him to be straight, and that in a civilised society he should encounter no more prejudice than his heterosexual counterpart. Sullivan challenges that view, and comes across as something of a sexual fundamentalist, which may not be all that surprising. considering his religious views. When Martin Peretz, proprietor of New Republic, introduced Sullivan as editor, he announced that he was "Catholic, working-class, British, Tory and gay" - in that order.

atholicism approaches homo-sexuality from a different, but no less rigid standpoint. It is the present Pope's strongly held opinion that it is "a disorder". That was echoed only last week by Scotland's leading Roman Catholic, Cardinal Tom Winning, who said that although a man's sexual orienta-tion might be created by God, so were other handicaps, "like a wooden leg".

This caused great offence among homosexuals, not just because of the crudeness of the analogy, but because it appeared to allow no tolerance, no variation in a man's sexual make-up. Some homosexuals, like many heterosexuals, are far less clear-cut about their feelings than Cardinal Winning appears to allow. They can and do change. They may, like Sullivan, want to assert their own sexuality and challenge social convention from the other side of the barricade. But they may, on the other hand, want to be accepted and absorbed without feeling the need to

fight a running battle. In some ways the Vatican view is easy to understand. Offensive or not, there is no doubting what it means. Sullivan, on the other hand, is the editor of a magazine which is the flagship of intellectual liberalism. He has campaigned for the homosexual cause, and has written passionately about its present state. And yet, by placing it outside the bounds of normal society, by emphasising the differences between it and what the rest of us consider normal, he is erecting barriers rather than demolishing them, encouraging prejudice against the gay community rather than reducing it.

It is a difficult and complex view to promote. Perhaps in the end both P-H-S editor and propriesor felt that New Republic was the wrong place in which to do it.



says: "It's so far beyond me . . . it's so much more powerful than anything I can control that I have to surrender."

Top tips

THE publication of President Clinton's latest bedtime reading list casts some light on his burgeoning foreign policy interest. His Irish republican sympathies may have been bolstered by Thomas Cabill's book How the Irish Saved

Civilization. The President's chats with the new Israeli Prime Minister were probably helped by a skim through Shimon Peres's regional analysis, The New Middle East, Last year's American flurry in the former Yugoslavia was doubtless helped along by a perusal of the only British writer to make it onto the presi Mary Whitehouse, turn away. Showing at the National Film

Theatre, virtually uncut for the first time, is Salo or the 120 Days of Sodom, the last and most famously disgusting film of the debauched Italian director Pier Paolo Pasolini. A quite foully sadistic vision of Mussolini's republic, the film has been described even by its fans as very difficult to sit through. "The NFT audience is film-literate and will see it in its context," says the theatre. "You'd be bored if you were only looking for titillation."

### Hot heads

AS John Major flies off to Prague. Moscow and Kiev, we can only hope he has learnt from the fashion errors of previous trips. As my picture shows, the Prime Minister and his then Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, simply don't look happy in Russian headgear. Peasant extras from Battleship Potem-

kin perhaps — but statesmen. no. At least on this trip the PM can: rely on style tips from Roy Reeve, our Ambassador to Ukraine. Until his latest posting, the bearded Reeve preferred a Harley-Davidson to his official car. His search for a Ukrainian bike suit-



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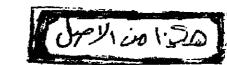
able for the icy roads, however, has so far proved fruitless.

■ The Friends of Kenwood House and English Heritage are not altogether happy with one another. The problem? A curpet. English Heritage says that it cannot afford to pay a full-time curator at Kenwood House because it is facing a cut in its grant, yet it has spent £10,000 on an unspectacular modern curpet from John Lewis for just one room, measuring roughly 18ft by 12ft. "That's half a year's salary for a curator," says one furious Friend. "It shows their ineptitude."

Jonathan and Carol, back in harmony

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### **TENSE TIMES**

Two parties wait for each other's mistakes

The Conservative Party chairman loses his save them for the general election manifesto. temper in public; the Labour Party leadership is on the edge of its sofa every time that Clare Short opens her mouth; would-be Tory defectors tease ministers and journalists alike; an MP's medical record is suddenly more important than any record he or she has ever had in politics.

Normally no one would make too much of Brian Mawhinney's Today programme outburst yesterday. But the Tory chairman's response to a relatively mild inquiry summs up the current atmosphere in politics as clearly as the response from Tony Blair's office when Ms Short mentioned her willingness to pay more tax. These are tense times - and likely to get tenser.

If Mr Mawhinney's nerves are highly strung, in Tory ranks he is not alone. With hindsight, the Staffordshire South East byelection result looks even worse than it did at the time. Labour leaders still cannot believe how well they did and, as Conservative MPs returned to Parliament, they found an Opposition more than usually buoyed up by the victory. This was a by-election whose result was supposed to presage the long-awaited upturn for the Tories. Instead it has plunged them into deeper gloom.

With the two main parties' local election campaigns being launched yesterday, it is hard for Dr Mawhinney to know what strategy to adopt. If economic recovery is not enough to warm voters' hearts, what is? The Prime Minister is due to deliver his own party political broadcast tonight. It is said that he did not much like the script he was given and will address instead the themes of inflation and public services.

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Labour must be delighted: the Conservatives are hardly going to win the next election on standards of teaching and their handling of the NHS. The Tories seem almost to have given up on the local election battle. They know that they will lose hundreds of seats. They have no new vote-winning ideas that the Cabinet would unitedly accept. If they did, they would rationally

European policy remains a curse for the Government. Its evasiveness on this issue makes it seem evasive on others too, despite

the increasing clarity from Michael Howard on law and order and Peter Lilley on welfare reforms. John Major ought to gain personal credit for his power in imposing a referendum against the wishes of the two most senior members of his cabinet. But, by his own lights, he can go no further - and his are the lights that the government follows.

Some Euro-sceptics fantasise in private about holding an early election on the issue of repatriating powers from Europe, saying hang to the resignations and defections that would ensue, and ensuring that at least they have an issue on which to fight Labour. Better, they say, to go down gloriously than to limp along to certain and even more painful defeat next year: but moods like that are just another sign of the present times. Mr Major, clutching his tiny majority, still prefers to hold on for as long as possible and hope that economic growth, tax cuts, maturing Tessas, and building society payouts will save his seats. As we said at the beginning of the year, this remains the slim best hope for the Tories under Mr Major.

Labour strategists hope, by contrast, that time will not necessarily help the Tories. The longer they are considered a government-inwaiting, they claim, the easier it will be for voters to contemplate a switch of government. Moreover, if voters are simply bored of the Conservatives and want a change, this will be even more the case in a year's time.

Each party knows that it could lose the next election by making a terrible mistake. Tony Blair knows well that the Tories are hovering to pounce on any signs of indiscipline from his MPs. Meanwhile the Government aims simply to get through the summer by hoping that the Ulster Unionists stay on side and the Grim Reaper stays away. Such a policy is frustrating for natural pugilists on both sides. Prepare for more early morning outbursts.

### **ITALIAN RADICALS**

The voters of Italy should put their political revolution first

As they prepare to vote this Sunday in Italy's third general election in four years, Silvio Berlusconi is courting voters with the promise that victory for the centre-right Freedom Alliance would produce five years of stable government. It is a pledge that even the most sceptical must long to believe.

Most European elections can in some way be considered as the collective verdict on a government's record and on the claims of its opponents that they would govern better. Most clear the political air. In Italy, by contrast, the best that voters can hope for is that the next government will finally have the will and the muscle to enact the constitutional reforms needed to give them a clear choice between real parties next time.

Political reform outweighs in importance all other issues in this campaign, and for the good reason that without it, the modernisanon and cleansing of Italian public life cannot proceed. The current electoral system, a hybrid of first-past-the-post and proportional representation, is a recipe for shifting, and shifty, coalitions lacking any tradition of party discipline. Since Italy's last general election two years ago, the country has lived through an undemocratic political farce in which the voters' verdict counted for nothing. The centre-right coalition won, only to collapse a few months later - leaving the field to a non-elected "technocratic" administration kept alive by the Centre-Left, the losers in the 1994 election. The role of loyal opposition, which has been increasingly assumed by the judiciary, needs to be returned to the political arena. That will happen only with genuinely bipolar politics.

Clarity is even less on offer this Sunday than it was in 1994. The identities of the two main alliances are more blurred than they were then. In many respects, their platforms

are hard to tell apart - which is hardly surprising since, incredibly, both of them appear to have drawn heavily on a paper drawn up by the national shopkeepers' federation. Neither coalition can even present voters with an undisputed leader whom they can expect to be the next prime minister.

If Signor Berlusconi, the formal candidate of the Centre-Right, takes office, his legal problems could bring an abrupt end to his tenure. Gianfranco Fini, the talented young leader of the post-Fascist National Alliance, looks more and more like the coming man of Italian politics but, because of his party's historical links, is ruled out as prime minister by everyone, including himself. The Centre-Left is in little better shape. Its official candidate is Romano Prodi, a genial Roman Catholic economist with no real party base. Its real leader, Massimo d'Alema, has also ruled himself out because, as a former communist, he too has associations to live down.

The race is thought to be so close that a few thousand votes for some 40 seats in northern Italy could decide the outcome. Without a clear result, Italy will revert to the politics of the revolving door. The Centre-Right is pledged to end proportional representation and introduce a semi-presidential system, with a directly elected prime minister to provide the strong leadership needed to control interparty bickering. The Left protests that Italy has historical reasons to distrust strong leaders; but the real source of its caution is that these reforms would destroy the many tiny parties that make up its support. Such parties make for parliaments controlled by king-makers with no real popular mandate. Italy's second republic cannot take shape without constitutional radicalism: in this respect, the Fini-Berlusconi platform is clearly the better alternative.

### ON WITH THE DANCE

We never, never, never shall be outstepped in the cha-cha-cha

Frequent protests have made the BBC see the revolving lights and commission a new series of Come Dancing. The protests have battered not just Broadcasting House. And they came not only from the millions of recreational and competitive dancers in Britain, but from virtual waltzers who take care never to step nearer to the ballroom floor than television armchairs. So the BBC has bent to give viewers what they ask for.

Its earlier decision to end the oldest series on television was prompted by broadcasters' correctness. Some of the outmoded courting rituals of the dancers appear irrelevant to stern modernists. The ambitious mother stitching sequins on her daughter's ballgown has become a stock figure of fun. For the Latin American programme, however, new viewers may like to note that frocks are now risque with the times and have slits up the side to where the lipstick starts. But for suicksteps, frou-frou frocks and smiles painted an inch thick for the judges are still fashionable. So in its 47 years Come Dancing has become national institution as much as national joke. It is now as nostalgically British as cold fish and chips, warm beer and inaccurate weather forecasts.

The audience for the programme has slumped since its glory days when television was fresh. But it still attracts nearly three million viewers. There is more competition now, and the BBC screens it at a time when most competitive dancers have tucked their feet away for the night. But it was crass to consider switching off the oldest performing art just when dancing is becoming the one truly international recreation. For the old trick of getting your feet out of the way faster than your partner can tread on them is being considered as an Olympic event. Indeed it is as athletic as (and less wet than) synchronised swimming. The Chief of Air Staff has "strongly advised" RAF officer cadets to take it up. Ballroom combines elegance and romance with nimbleness, and allows performers to dress up as Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers to strut their fantasies, swaying together like blossoms on the bough.

Ballroom is also perhaps the only sport at which Britain still beats the world. Our cricketers are a bad joke, our best footballers are foreigners, and our rugby players have become better at scoring fees than tries. But at ballroom Britain is still world champion. Three of the four international titles are held by British couples. This is a healthy activity without evident professional fouls. So when the formation dancers make their salutes in the military two-step they are saluting part of our national heritage. The BBC should be proud to broadcast such a British success.

# Monarchy pattern Israeli attack as a global concern

punishment.

for our respect From the Dean of St Paul's

Sir, Your preview (Diary, April 13) of the MORI poll's reflection on the future of the monarchy (and see TV review, April 16) will I am sure have fill-

ed many of your readers with dismay. The issue is not that members of the Royal Family are not without fault. In each generation some member will have erred and strayed and one could take the line right back to Edward the Confessor to realise the truth of this.

However, the institution of the monarchy. like that of any corporate body, if it is to work properly, demands respect. This is a commodity that is getting increasingly rare in today's Britain. In fact it seems to be a general malaise affecting the Western world.

Without respect within a family, parents for children and children for parents, there can be no true love. It is love that binds a family together and love does demand respect. Love goes hand in hand with respect. If you have no respect for the person, basically you have no love for them.

It affects not only families but all our institutions, particularly the Church, Parliament, the judiciary, leaders in civil and local government, the teaching professions, the medical profession, the police, the Armed Services. In fact all who carry responsibilities for the lives of other people re-Quire respect.

We deck our mayors and corporations in gowns: we put our senior officials of all professions in some kind of uniform. Anyone who has worn a professional uniform of one sort of another knows full well how the wearing of that uniform can be an aid in helping that person to become what the office intends them to be.

Many a tearaway youth has become an upstanding citizen because he has worn the Queen's uniform at some time or other. Many a civic head, from most unpromising beginnings has turned out to be an excellent

A subtle psychological change takes place in a person who holds high office. If the public's expectation of an official person's behaviour is high, then so often people become what they are meant to be. Low expectations always result in poor results. The higher the expectation, the greater the chance of perfection.

Her Majesty the Queen has, thank God, set us all the highest possible standards of service and behaviour and I am convinced that others will follow in her train. The British monarchy has a record of resilience which is second to none. It is the oldest continuthe world, apart from the papacy.

It does demand respect. Without that it can wither and become a mere shadow of what it was intended to be. It is in this regard that the media and the pollsters have a responsibility which is far greater than that of mere financial interest.

Yours faithfully. ERIC EVANS The Deanery, 9 Amen Court, EC4. April 17.

### Labour and London

From the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Corporation of London

Sir, Your report (April II) concerning Guildhall potentially being used by Labour's proposed Greater London Authority (GLA) arises out of the inconvenient reality of County Hall being unavailable for their purposes.

Old Labour would simply have abolished the Corporation of London. New Labour sees the value of having a dedicated local authority for Britain's most successful business district. particularly given the London-wide initiatives which have brought the corporation closer to neighbouring

boroughs in recent years. Our willingness to share Guildhall and assist with finding suitable nearby office accommodation will depend on a realistic assessment of how the relationship between the corporation and any GLA might sensibly operate.

It is also too early to judge whether any particular problems would arise were any GLA to be headed by an elected mayor, since there are many unanswered questions as to their powers and how in particular the role would relate to that of our Lord Mayor as head of the corporation.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL CASSIDY. Chairman. Policy and Resources Committee. Corporation of London. PO Box 270, Guildhall, EC2.

### Storm at Balaclava

From Colonel A. L. Mallinson, The Light Dragoons

Sir, Your correspondent Thomas de Waal ("Crimean site yields British graves' ", report, April 10) imputes the loss of British shipping in the great storm of November 14, 1854, off the port of Balaclava, to "the disaster of the battle of October 25, 1854, famous for the Charge of the Light Brigade". This is unfair. Despite the Light Brigade's losses, the battle was no disaster: the Russian sally from the huge fortress of Sebastopol was stopped in its tracks and Balaclava port was saved from capture.

Your correspondent makes no men-.

tion, either, of the second and stronger sortie from Sebastopol on November 5, which was decisively repulsed by the Battle of inkerman. Thereafter Balaclava was as safe as any port could be so near to an enemy garrison. The problem was that its anchorage was too small and its wharves inadequate, hence the queue of ships caught in the storm outside.

The stores and forage which sank

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From Sir Anthony Parsons and others From Professor Paul Wilkinson

Sir. It is shaming that Western gov-ernments have failed to condemn Is-Sir. While we have the utmost sympathy for the beleaguered inhabitants of rael's bombardment of civilian targets in Lebanon. Israel's anger at Hezbol-Kiryat Shmona, we are strongly of the opinion that the Israeli response to Hezbollah attacks has been entirely lah's indiscriminate rocket attacks disproportionate. To force 400,000 across her northern border is entirely Lebanese civilians to flee in terror understandable, but it is the Syrian from their homes is both a brutal and Government, not powerless and longan unacceptable form of collective suffering Lebanon, which is responsible for facilitating and encouraging Hezbollah's activities.

The violence must be stopped before Lebanon lapses into anarchy. The US How can Israel, which prides itself has blocked United Nations intervenon being a democracy respecting the tion and is acting bilaterally with the rule of law, justify a policy of terror narties. So is France. This latter initiaagainst the Lebanese civilian populative would be better conducted by the tion in response? EU as a whole. This is no time for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Deliberate attacks on such targets competitive diplomacy. as an ambulance and a refugee camp There is no question but that Israel, are serious violations of the Geneva which has maintained a self-declared Convention. The French Government "security zone" in southern Lebanon deserves the widest possible internasince 1978, is there in contravention of tional support for its efforts to stop the international law. If that occupation fighting, were to end, there would no longer be

Terrorism is a scourge of the innocent, but a wider war which could fatally damage the frail Middle East peace process and cause a far greater slaughter of the innocent would be an infinitely larger evil.

Sir. I was astonished by the statement

in your leading article (April 15) on the

Israeli-Lebanese conflict that "the un-

derlying morality" of the exercise

"cannot be open to question". When

an ambulance is bombed in the sub-

urbs and a power station destroyed (report, April 15) how can this be ex-

Perhaps, however, if I use your

words and change the actors, we can

arrive at a strategy for Northern Ire-

land. Britain "must defend itself

against ... religious terrorists, and [Mr Major] is duty bound to ensure the safety of people in his charge".

Britain's appropriate response to an

IRA bomb in London would therefore

seem to be a gunship attack on a Falls

Road office of Sinn Fein and on the lo-

cal power station, followed by the

flouting of an earlier United Nations

resolution to withdraw. Mr Major,

like Mr Peres, would simply be up-

This agreement requires rigorous.

timetabled action to achieve equal op-

portunity. We have reserved the right

to issue a non-discrimination notice if

the Ministry of Defence and the Arm-

ed Forces don't make the progress

outlined in the agreement, but we

and oral evidence to the Select Com-

mittee on the Armed Forces Bill. We

are arguing, as Paul Stephenson ur-

ges, that servicemen and women

should be able to take complaints of

racial discrimination direct to indus-

trial tribunals without the legal re-

quirement first to use their internal

system for redress, a requirement

which the Government has rejected

for other employees, including the

police and civilians working with the

A number of white and ethnic-mi-

nority soldiers and ex-soldiers have

contacted the commission in recent

weeks to support the action we are

Commission for Racial Equality,

10-12 Allington Street, SWI.

Armed Forces.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman,

April II.

Elliot House.

HERMAN OUSELEY,

We have already submitted written

hope this won't be necessary.

holding the "peace process".

Yours sincerely.
RONALD T. FLOWE.

Edinburgh I.

April 15.

plained as a defensive act?

Yours truly, ANTHONY PARSONS (UK Permanent Representative to the UN, 1979-82), Yours sincerely, PAUL WILKINSON GLENCAIRN BALFOUR-PAUL (Ambassador to Jordan, 1972-75), (Head). JAMES CRAIG School of History and (Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 1979-84), International Relations, **IVOR LUCAS** University of St Andrews, Ambassador to Syria, 1982-84). St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9AL MICHAEL WEIR April 17. (Ambassador to Egypt, 1979-85). As from: Highgrove, Ashburton, South Devon. From Dr R. T. Flowe

From Mr Lindsay Shanson

Sir. Michael Portillo's strong support for Israel's military action (report, April 16) is to be admired. For once a senior politician has, in his official capacity, been straightforward. Sadly, other so-called Western leaders hesitate, apparently nervously, fearful of the Arab lobby.

any justification for the firing of rock-

ets by Hezbollah into Israel.

Their fears are misplaced. The West must face the real issues squarely. Hezboliah and Hamas are financed by Iran, not just to disrupt the peace process but to destabilise Western society in general.

The issues go far beyond Israel's narrow borders and must be dealt with as a global concern. This requires positive action. Fundamentalism and terrorism are feared as much by Islamic governments, such as Egypt, Malaysia and Indonesia, as by the West. Yet none has seemed willing to deal with the matter.

Yours faithfully. 127 Alderman's Hill, Southgate, NI3. April 16.

### Army race relations

From the Chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality

Sir, Paul Stephenson (letter, April 10) is wrong to suppose that the Commission for Racial Equality's agreement with the Ministry of Defence about discrimination in the Army (report, March 29) is chiefly only about monitoring. The action plan which the MoD has signed up to as a result of the commission's investigation also COVCTS:

A review of selection procedures at officer and basic levels to ensure they don't discriminate on racial grounds. instructions and training on equal oppor-tunities for all senior officers, NCOs and

others, especially those concerned with recruitmen More and better efforts to attract ethnic mipority applicants. Advice to serving personnel on their right to complain of racial discrimination and

Instructions to commanding officers on the

handling of complaints. The action plan does cover monitoring, such as the ethnic origin of all ranks, recruitment and grievances. Such information helps to identify where things are going wrong and to demonstrate progress when they start to improve.

### Cadets under pressure

From Major-General D. M. Naylor (retd)

Sir, I read with sadness and disquiet your report (April 11) about the harassment which has obliged the Army Cadet Force (ACF) in Nottinghamshire to abandon its premises. As the Ministry of Defence director responsible for the ACF and its sister cadet service, the Combined Cadet Force, between 1989 and 1992. I know precisely how much young people who participate in both organisations benefit. If we cannot safeguard them (and

indeed sea and air cadets) from the worst ravages of a modern yob culture, we shall soon find that there will be no volunteers to lead or serve in these commendable organisations. As a result another bastion of decency and service will be lost.

Let us hope that all those involved in working with the youth of this country, in uniform or not, will ponder the potential fate of the Nottinghamshire ACF and determine to stop the rot before it is too late.

Yours sincerely, MURRAY NAYLOR. Minster Hill, Huttons Ambo, York,

with the transports were sorely missed that winter. Forty thousand greatcoats went down with the screwsteamer Prince and during the rest of November the Light Brigade's horses received on average about one fifth of their regulated rations.

Evidently things might have been worse, however. Writing to his wife two months later. Serjeant-Major Cruse of the Royals gave his opinion that: "I do not think the weather has been much more severe than it was in Manchester last January."

Yours faithfully, ALIAN MALLINSON. The Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, WI.

### Working hard and matters of class

From Mr Peter Mahaffey

Sir. The extraordinary statements by the Prescotts, senior and junior, about their class status (report, April 13) confirm to me what I have always thought but no one dares to articulate publicly: that it is the snobbery of a certain section of the "working class" which is responsible for the class divi-

sions of this country.

For a long time it has been rare to hear the middle classes boast about their role or status. Rather it is the likes of Mr Prescott Senior, who decries his son's honesty in admitting for once his quite evident middle-class sit-

uation, that is divisive. I am a surgeon, no doubt most people's epitome of middle-classness, I work my backside off daily on behalf of my NHS patients, and I object strongly to suggestions from representatives of old Labour that a railwayman, a miner or a ship's steward is any more entitled by the sweat of his brow to be elevated to the status of worker than I am by mine. The quicker Mr Blair eradicates these ideas the

Yours faithfully, PETER MAHAFFEY, Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Iain A. T. Donald

Sir. My great-grandfather was a ship's cook: I work regularly in my profession 50 hours a week. Does this make me eligible to join the working

Yours faithfully, LAIN A. T. DONALD (solicitor). Inglewood. 31 Strathkinness High Road. St Andrews, Fife.

From Mr Francis Wilford-Smith Sir. Mr Prescott may well think he is

now middle class. More to the point though, does the middle class think he is middle class?

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS WILFORD-SMITH, Benneys Farm, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire. April 15.

### Mary less contrary?

From Mr John Thaxter

Sir. Benedict Nightingale (Arts. March 23) and the correspondents (April 13) who endorsed his report tha Isabelle Huppert cannot be understood as Mary Stuart apparently saw early performances of the National Theatre production.

On April 9, two weeks into the run. this delightful French star was giving a spirited, treasurable account of the text with every word readily under-stood, but perhaps without the necessary projection. I was captivated and enthralled.

Clearly the voice coach has already affected much of the improvement promised by Richard Eyre, the Royal National Theatre's artistic director.

Yours faithfully. JOHN THAXTER. 15a Stanley Road, Teddington, Middlesex. April L3.

### First blood

From Mr Philip J. Wadsworth

Sir, Mr Martin Carter's letter (April 15) could well be evidence of an injured cuckoo - but I would think not a record. More likely a compacted

Yours faithfully, PHILIP J. WADSWORTH, Marine House. Colyton, East Devon. April 16.

### Watch this space

From Mr D. J. Skinner

Sir, I offer my congratulations on your enormous increase in domestic circulation. However, in the light of Mr M. Gordon's letter (April 16) I had not realised just how ambitious your plans were until finding a computer simulation of the universe under "Home News" in your April 11 issue.

Yours faithfully. D. J. SKINNER, 16 Whitefield Close, Coventry. West Midlands. April 16.

### Man of the moment

From Mr Gerard Noel

Sir. Your excellent obituary of Donald Adams (April 16) reminded me of a story he told me of his train breaking down while he was on his way to perform in a matince of The Mikado.

Becoming irritated by the loud complaints of some children next door that they would never get to see The Mikado, he hurled open the door of their compartment and boomed in his great bass voice: "Don't worry children, I am the Mikado!"

Yours truly, GERARD NOEL White's, St James's, SWI. April 17.

Forthcoming

### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 17: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened the Southampton Oceanography Centre, Empress Docks, Southampton, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary

Fagan).
His Royal Highness. Colonel-in-Chief, later visited 3 Field Workshop. Corps of Royal Electrical and

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Lord in Waiting) at the service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Terence Cunea which was held in St Martin-in-the-Fields this afternoon. The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April I7: The Prince Edward, Trustee
and Chairman of the International
Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's
Award International Association, this
morning travelled to Nara and
visited the Todaiji Temple and the
Kasuga Taisha Shrine before attendine a Luncheon in support of the Award at Kikusuiro Restaurant.

His Royal Highness this afternoon travelled to Kyno and anended a Tea

Ceremony at Urasenke, performed by the Fifteenth Grand Master of the Chado, Dr Sen. The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception and Dinner in support of the Award at the Kyoto

April 17: The Princess Royal, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this afternoon opened the Mary Cross Close, Highfield Road, Wiggington.

performance of Carmen at the Edin-burgh Festival Theatre at 7.05

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron

of BLISS (Baby Life Support Systems) will visit the new offices at 17-21 Emerald Street, WCI, at 3-30; and as

Patron of the National Asthma Cam-paign, will attend a musical evening at Fishmongers' Hall at 7.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Chairman of

Trustees, the Duke of Edinburgh's

Commonwealth Study Conference (United Kingdom Fund), will arrend the annual meeting at Norwich Union House, EC3 at 9.55.

those present were:

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend Royal Society at 9.45; as Parron of the International Health Exchange, will attend the annual meeting at the Royal College of Nursing at 4.35; and will attend the HAC's annual dinner at Amoury. House at 7.30. Princess Alexandra, as president, will visit the Imperial Cancer Research Fund cancer medicine research unit at St James's University Hospital. Leeds, at 2.35 and will altend a

### Dinners The Royal Academy

Reception The Cricketer International
Mr and Mrs Ben Brocklehurst and national held a reception yesterday Ground, to mark the 75th anniversury year of the magazine. Among

Mr A T B Brocklehurst, Mr and Mrs R A Hullon, Mr E W Swanton, Sir Colla is V Flemine, Mr and Mrs T Balley r and Mrs H Bloteld, Mr and Mrs D ubba Row. Colonel and Mrs M avergal, Mr and Mrs C Ingleby ackenzie and Mr John Warner and r Michael Warner, son and grandsor it Michael Warner, son and grandsor

### Stationers and Newspaper Makers

Brigadier Denzil G. Sharp has been appointed Clerk of the Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company from September, I. 1990. in succession to and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon). Her Royal Highness, Patron Dunn Nutrition Unit, later attended a collaboration between the Medical Research Council and Schools on

Diet Exercise and Long Term Health at Hills Road Sixth Form College. Hills Road. Cambridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr

The Princess Royal, President. British Olympic Association, this evening anended the Cambridge Olympic Appeal Dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge. ST JAMES'S PALACE

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April 17: The Prince of Wales today
visited Glasgow and was received by
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenam of the
City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally,
the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).
His Royal Highness, Visitor, this
morning visited the Glasgow School
of Art. Renfrew Spreet, and met
students and staff.
The Prince of Wales afterwards
visited the University of Strathclyde
and attended the University Day
Congregation in the Barony Hall.
His Royal Highness. Royal Visitor,
Scottish Conservation Projects, this Scottish Conservation Projects, this afternoon visited the Craigion Cemetery, Candonald, and saw environ-

al work in progress.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 17: The Duke of Kent. Royal Fellow, this evening attended a Presidential Address and Celebration Dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Guildhall, London EC2.

### Royal engagements | Banquet

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress
gave the Easter banquet last night at
the Mansion House in honour of
Nembers of the Diplomatic Corps
and their exorts. The speakers were
the Lord Mayor. The honour of

and their excorts. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Apostolic Nuncio and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Communiwealth Alfairs. The other guests included:
The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Newton, Mrs Malcolm Rifkind, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, Baroness Chalker of Walfasey, Sir Ralph Perning, Mrs Doreen Hill, Sir Edward and Lady Howard, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Wanneck, the Right Rev John and Mrs Taylor, Sir John and Lady Jones, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatherall, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Tegels, Mr and Mrs Jerems Gotch, Mr Ketth Mackrell and Miss June Mendoza, Mr and Mrs Crispin Blunt and Mr W G Ehrman.

of Engineering
The Duke of Kent. KG. GCMG.
GCVO. Royal Fellow of The Royal
Academy of Engineering, was
present last night at Guildhall at a Presidential Address given by Sir William Barlow, FEng. President.

A dinner to mark the 30th anniverwas held afterwards. A toast was proposed to The Academy by the Royal Fellow and Sir David Davies. CBE, FEng. FRS. President elect. replied. Among those present were Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh. Sir Robin and Lady Buseam. Lord and Lady Busserworth. Sir John Cadogan. Viscount Caldector (Past President. 1981-86). Lady Davies. Sir Ron Dearing. Lord Gregson, the Earl of Halsbury. Sir Ernen and Lady Harrison. Drand Mirs Tom Johnston. Sir Francis and Lady McWilliams. Sir Denis Roobe (Fast President. 1996-91) and Lady Rooke. Dr Alan Rudge. Mr and Mrs David Sainsbury, the Earl and Counters of Selborrie. Sir William and Lady Stewart. Mr Jan Taylor. MP. and Mrs Taylor and Mr Jan Taylor. MP. and Mrs Taylor and Mr and Mrs Lawrence Turner. CBE, FEng. FRS. President elect.

Glovers' Company
The Chief Rabbi and Mrs Sacks were the principal guests at a dinner of the Glovers' Company held yesterday at Clothmakers' Hall. Mr Alan Fishman. Master. presided.

Mr R.J. Sayer was the principal guest at a dinner of the Archorites held last night at the Cale Royal. Captain J. Hall presided.

Incorporated Glasgow Renfrewshire Society The Lord-Lieutenant of Renfrewshire The Lord-Leutenant of Rentrewshire was the guest of the Directors of the Incorpor and Glasgow Rentrewshire Society at a dinner held last night at The Western Club, Glasgow, after the annual meeting. Mrs Mary Davies, president, was in the chair. Lady Dertholm, the patron, was present.

### Captain Cook's ship is banned from her home port

### Owners fear replica may run aground

By Paul Wilkinson

THE OWNERS of a replica of the ship in which Captain Cook made his most famous voyage are refusing to allow her to moor at Whitby, where the Endeavour was built 230 years ago.

A £7 million replica of the ship was to put into the North Yorkshire port at the start of a journey retracing the captain's first voyage to the South Seas in 1768.

But after a series of unfor-tunate accidents with mudflats and harbour bottoms elsewhere on her cruise. the Australian trust which owns the replica has banned her from small tidal moorings like that at Whitby. Instead, when the 97ft long. three-masted sailing vessel arrives next year she will have to anchor offshore.

The news has angered Whitby folk and generated a flurry of faxes and phone calls between Scarborough Borough Council, which saw the visit as a great tourism coup, and the Endeavour Foundation in Fremantle. Western Australia. "It's a nonsense," said Ar-

chie Thompson of the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, which occupies the quayside house where the captain's maritime career began as an apprentice with a local shipowner. "Cook deliberately took Whitby 'Cats' as they are called because they were wide, flat-bottomed craft, which could sit on a mudilat without falling over and float off at the next high tide. He knew he was sailing where no one else had been and wanted to be sure that if he grounded he could get off

again.
"It is all quite ridiculous to suggest this replica could get stuck. When the tide is out there are areas of harbour

The Hon Michael Beloff, QC, president-designate. Trinity College, Oxford, 54; Dr Clive Booth, Vice-

Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 53: Mr Alan Devereux,

former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 63; the Marquess of Donegall, \$0: Mr Nick Farr-Jones, rugby

player. 34: Miss Sylvia Fisher, so-prano. 86; Mr Brian Fuller, Inrmer

Commandant. Fire Service College.
Moreton-in-Marsh. 60.
Mr David Cee. former director.
Friends of the Earth. 49. Sir Peter
Hordern. MP. 67: Mr Peter Jeffrey.

actor, 67; Mr Christopher Lawrence, managing director, London Phil-

harmonic Orchestra, 46; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 72: Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 50; the Very Rev Dominic

actress, 50: the Very Rev Dorninic Milroy, OSB, former Headmaster, Ampleforth College, 64: Baroness Plati of Writtle, 73: the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Bly, 89: Mr Ian Taylor, MP, 51: Sir Teddy Taylor, MP, 59: Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 90: Mr V.E. Watts, Principal, Grey College, Durham University

College. Durham University.

Prince Michael of Kent, President of the Council of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

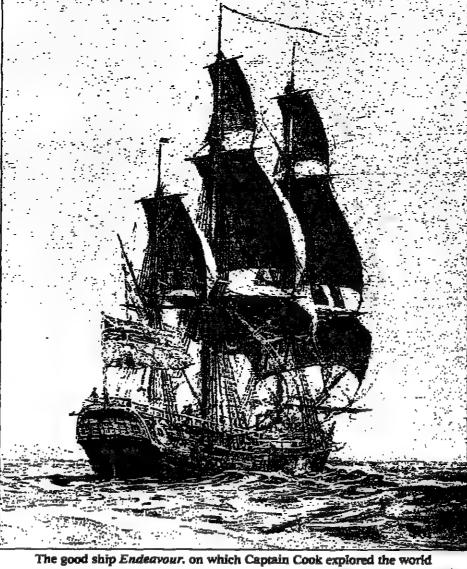
presided at a dinner given by the Council last night at Apsley House by permission of the Duke and Duckess of Wellington, to mark the retirement of Major General C.R. Grey as Controller of SSAFA, who will be appropriate the Major General C.R.

succeeded by Major General P.J. Sheppard.

Retirement

**Birthdays** 

today



bottom exposed, but there is also a dredged channel and deep-water moorings for the commercial ships which regularly collect and deliver

cargoes here."
Peter Barton, the council official responsible for the borough's harbours, said that a series of options had been sent to Fremantle to encourage the Endeavour to dock.
"We have offered them moorings where the commercial ships tie up and elsewhere. They have been guaranteed a place where the ship will float even at the lowest tide. We have also offered them a

Mr Terence Cuneo

topher Thompson.

Fields.

dresses.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Charteris

of Amisfield at a service of thanks-

giving for the life and work of Mr Terence Cuneo, portrait painter.

held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-

The Duke of Kent was repre-

sented by Mr Nicolas Adamson and Prince Michael of Kent by

The Rev Bernhard G. Schünemann officiated, assisted

by the Rev John Robson. Mr Gordon Cuneo. cousin, read the

lesson and Mr Peter Knight read The School Dance by Terence Cuneo, when he was aged 15.

Brigadier Gerald Landy, Mr Michael Campbell Bowling, the

Hon Sir William McAlpine and

Mr David Shepherd gave ad-

During the service a selection of

music chosen by Mr Cuneo for Desert Island Discs was played by

a brass quintet from the Royal

Logistic Corps. Mr Edmund and

Mrs Jackie Hockridge sang
Rodgers and Hammerstein's
You'll Never Walk Alone.
sccompanied by Mr Stephen

Hession piano. The Right Rev Lord Runcie pronounced the blessing. Among

Ms Carole Cuneo (daughteri, Mr and Mrs Stuart Moxham, Miss Melante Viner-Cuneo and Mr Andrew Viner (grandchildreni, Mrs Gordon Cuneo, Mrs Doris Cuneo-Masiach, Mrs

others present were:

place on a bank of soft silt which would not cause them any underwater damage.

Eleanor Muirhead, the trust's UK representative said: "At the moment the plan is to keep the vessel offshore, but we are not in a position to confirm anything yet. We know that there is a problem at Whitby because there is more mud in Whitby than there was in Cook's day.

"The ship is slightly different below the waterline. mainly because it has an engine and a propeller and her skipper does not want

General Sir George Cooper. General Sir Kenneth Darling. Sir George Edwards. OM. FRS, General Sir Martin and Lady Farndale. General Sir Robert and Lady Ford. Sir John and Lady Mogg. Sir Michael and Lady Time.

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Sir John Badenoch

A Memorial Service for Sir John

Badenoch, Fellow 1965-87, Emeritus Fellow 1987-96, will be held at

2.30pm on Saturday, April 27, 1996, in the Chapel, Merton Coll-

ege, Oxford. Tea will be served in Hall after the Service.

Memorial services



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### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740; Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, London, 1882.

gist, London, 1557; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Albert Einstein, physicist. Nobel laurean 1921. Princeton, New Jersey, 1955 writer, New York, 1964.

### Luncheons

**HM** Government

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Haris Silaidzic, Leader of Party for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mid-Atlantic Club/ English-

Speaking Union
The Mexican Ambassador was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid-Atlantic Club/English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Sir Peter Marshall was in

### St Mary Abchurch

Sir Sigmund Sternberg gave a lunchtime talk on interfaith relations at St Mary Abchurch yesterday. Mrs Ruth Weyl also spoke.

Hohawood House, Colchester

Headington School, Oxford The Summer Term begins today. There will be a concert in the Holywell Music Room on May 8. Juliet Allen will give a Recital in the School Hall on May 9 in aid of the school's South African Netball Tour. There will be a Drama Show by the Theatre Studies students on May 10. There will be a concert in the School Hall on May 16. Headingtonians' Day is June 8. Foundation Day is June 28. The Venerable Alec Knight. Archdeacon of Basingstoke, will preach at the Foundation Day Service, in the afternoon the Sports Hall will be opened by Oluyinka Idowu, Headingtonian, member of the

### marriages The engagement is announced

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between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs S.J. Attlee, of Ampfield, Hampshire, and Julie, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G. Ahem, of Virginia Water, Surrey. Mr A.E. Beattie and Miss J.A. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Andrew Edward, only son of Mr David K-M. and Dame Heather Beattle, of Lymm, Cheshire, and Julie, daughter of Mrs Elisabeth Cowl, of Mobberley. Cheshire, and Mr Ivor J. Mitchell. of Pinckney, USA.

or Fricking, USA:
Mr J.C.H. Berry
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The engagement is announced
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Berry, and Ashley Jane, daughter
of Mr and Mrs. Page Robbins, of of Mr and Mrs Peter Robbins, of Bethesda, Maryland, USA. Mr B.A. Bullimore

and Miss C.P. Dillingham
The engagement is announced between Brett, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy K. Bullimore, of Kew Gardens, Surrey, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Dillingham, of Henleyon-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr LIR Cain and Miss H.R.J. Swash and Miss A.R.J. Swass
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Cain, of Eastcombe, Gloucestershire, and Hannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Swash, of Far Oakridge, Chrosopostalian Clouosarshire

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The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Dr and Mrs G.B. Peacock. of Highleigh. Chichester, and Alex. second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ward, of Portheawl, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr J.E. Scot and Mrs S.A.H. Perkins The engagement is announced between Ewan Scott and Shirley Perkins, both of Rugby, Warwickshire

between Joshua, second son of Mrs Suzy Millais, of Cadogan Mansions, London, and Mr Hugh Millais, of The Stables, Kirtlington Park, Oxfordshire, and Letitia, second daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Dunne, of Gatley Park.

Mr MJ.F. Ridgwell and Miss MJ.C. Wennergren The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of Dr and Mrs Stanley Ridgwell, of Fulham, London, and Malin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Göran Wennergren, of Angelholm,

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Mr P. Ross and Miss A.L. Georgalakis and Miss A.L. Georgalakis
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr Henry Stephen Ross, of Hexham, Northumberland, and Mrs Marjonie Irving, of Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, and Alexia Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Constantine D. Georgalakis, of Ditchling Common, West Sussex. The marriage will take place in October at the Church of the Holy. Trinity, Cuckfield, West Sussex.

Trinity, Cuckfield, West Sussex Mr G.D. Thoraton and Miss S.N.D. Barker and Miss S.N.D. Barker.
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Thornton, of Aylburton, Gloucestershire, and Samantha, eldest daughter of Capain Fred Barker, of Lushill, Wildelman, and Viscoustess. Wiltshire, and Viscountess Wimborne, of Fontaine L'Abbé,

### Marriages

Mr E.W. Challlet The marriage took place quietly on April 17, at Stratford-upon-Avon. of Ned Chaillet, son of Mr E. Chaillet and Mrs J. Chaillet, and Flora McLean, daughter of Com-mander R. and Mrs M. McLean.

Mr B. Daubney and Ms J. Dawes The marriage took place quietly, in recently Daubney to Jenny Dawes. Mr N.C.S. Green

and Mrs A. Eadie The marriage took place in Chel-sea, on April 17, between Nicholas Green, of Battersea, London, and Annie Eadie, nee Bruce, of Weston Colley, Hampshire.

### School news

Dover College The Summer Dover today. Term begins at Simon Rastrick (Learnington) is Head of School and Speech Day will be Saturday, May 25, when the Prizes will be presented by the High Sheriff of Kent, Mr Robin Baker White. The Old Dovorian Society Banquet will take place in the College Referency on Saturday, June 22, and the week of celebrations end with the 125 Friday, June 28.

Summer Term begins today at Holmwood House, Colchester. Sports Day is on Friday, May 24; the Talbot Society Fete is on Sunday, June 16, and term will end with Speech Day on Saturday, July

1992 British Olympic Team as a long jumper, and in the evening there will be a show entitled Midsummer Voyage. Term ends on July 4. The Netball Tour of South Africa is from July 17 until

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Summer Term began yesterday at St John's School, Leatherhead. Mark Glew is Captain of the School and Richard Vosser is Captain of Cricket. The Junior School play Loot will be performed on May 22, 23 and 24, and the ODS production of Abigail's Party will be on July 4 and 5. Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Tues-day, May 7, the Friends of St John's Recital is at 6.3 Thursday, June 6, and the Summer Concert will be performed on Sunday, June 30, at 8pm. Old Johnian Sunday is June 30 - the preacher will be the Rev Martin Francis and Prizegiving is on Saturday, July 6, when the Guest of Honour will be Lord Carlisle of Bucklow. Mr S.W. Chubb retires. at the end of the term after 35 years as Head of Economics and Politics.

Woodbouse Grove School The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment as Headmaster of Mr David Humphreys, BA. Mr Humphreys, who s Deputy Head of Caterham School, Surrey, will take up his appointment on September 1, 1996, when Mr David Welsh becomes Principal of the Dame Alian's Schools, Newcastle upon Tyne.

### Lord-Lieutenancy of Argyli and Bute

The Duke of Argyll has been apointed Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute in succession to the late Robin Neill Lochnell Malcolm of Poltalloch has been appointed Vice

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### Lord God of Hosts, restore us. and make your tace where en us. that we may be saved. Psalm 80: 19 (REB) DEATHS

# BIRTHS

ARKES - On April 14th, to Sophie (née Thorniley) and Charles, a son. William ROWN - On April 11th, in larare, to Jane and Andrew. 1 daughter, Eleanor Tisa

ACKSON - On April 13th, to

HEBUS - On 16th April, to Rachel (née Morton) and Matthew, a son, Samuel Alexander, a brother for Benjamin and Joseph. LYOR - On 16th April at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Annie (noe Rec-Podersen) and Richard, a pop. Alexander Richard.

MACHIN - On 13th April 1956, to Catalida (1844 Strain) MOVETON - On 12th April at The Portland Hospital, to horzoda (nee Pustum) and Jamie, a handsome son. Max, a grandson to Sandra and Leslie Royston. Adrianne and Leonard to Metrics (née Siot) and Tim. a son, Sam,

SASTH - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Suganne (née Saul-David) and Garry, a beauthul son. ZARLAS - On April 11th 1996, at Queen Mary's Hospital, to Sara (née Mackie) and Dimitri, s daughter. Katerins Charlotte.

BATTS - George Frederick very percentilly in his single of Duchess of Kent House on April 13th. Belaved humans of Manhem deeply deveed fother of Greg and Gerand, dearly loved grandfather of Emily, Alexander and Charlotte. Service at Easthampstead Park Grematorium on Monday APTII 22nd at 11.30 am, Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Duchess of Kent House, Liebenrood Road. Reading, RGSO 2DX.

BOCK - Peacefully at home on April 14th 1996, Florence Johanna Herristia aged 93 years. Much loved by Garfield, Clive, her loving-family and many dear resents Emment at Dutter. family and many dear friends, Funeral at Puncy vale Crematorium on Friday April 19th at 10.30 am. Family flowers only Donations in lieu to World; End Health Care Team and The Harding Housing: Association c/o Cheldea; Funeral Directors, 2608; Fufiam Read, SW10 9EL

muchial - On March 14th in Winchester after a short filmess Arthur Harold much loved husband of Bevé, beloved father of Annie, the late Andrew, habelle Alice, lain and Sophie and grandfather of James. Charles and Natasha-Funeral Service at Airesford Parish Church on Thirsday April 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if degired, may be sent to The Hornsby Educational Trust of which Arthur was the first Chairman and served for imany years enabling the Charty to Bourish c/o The Burser. 261 Trinity Road.

Christopher's Hospice on 12th April 1996 aged 73, Emeritus Professor of Emeritus Professor of Hungarian. London University. Service of Thanksqiving at the Methodist Church, Prince imperial Road, Chistehurst. on Thursday April 25th at 3.18 pm. Family flowers only. but donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, or Chistehurst Methodist Chart.

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HEAD - Donald Edwin, on 16th April aged 76. Belowed husband of Margaret and much lowed lether of Janet, Christine and Karen. His foneral services will take place on Friday 20th April at 2 pm at 5t Mary's Church. Alvertoks 2 pm at 5t ways Cauch.
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formerly of Sunbury on Theme ded precently of The Royal Star & Garter Home on 16th April. Husband of the late; Josephine, much loved samer of Jackie, Disma and Jane and grandfather of Charlotte, Rupert. Alexandra. Louise. Chief. Joseph and Benjamin. Request Mass at St Elizabeth of Portugal, the Viseyard. Richmond at 3 pm on Tuesday 25rd April. Family flowers only. Dougloon, 8 wished. to BLESMA. Dantout Mass. The CVA. Crite Royal Star & Garter Home, Richmond. Twill GRR. Enquiries to Andrew Holmes & Son. 0181-740-1128.

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NORTON - On Abril 15th. Nancy peacefully in Tolwarth Hospital. Funeral Service at Kingston Crematorium on Tuesday: April 23rd et 3 pm. Plowers and enquiries to A & E' Loophurst. 21-23 Kingston; Boad. Ewall. Surrey. (el: (0181) 393-1077.

distributed - Near Adrian-died 6th April 1996. Dearly-lowed son of Dr. Kenneth and Rosemary and brother of Sarah. Service at St Pater's Church. Maney. Sutton Coldfield. Thursday 18th April 11.50 am. The burlat arrion will take place at Alf. Saints Church, Wildenbe, at 12 noon Friday 19th April. Denations please for Leukasmia Benerica Fund c/o lan Hazel Funerats Ltd., 8 Belwell Lane. Four Oaks. Saiton Coldfield, 874 4AA.

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Stavros Niarchos, Greek shipowner and financier, died in Zurich on April 15 aged 86. He was born on July 3, 1909.

WITH his great peer and competitor. Aristotle Onassis, the shipowner Stavros Niarchos was one of that handful of ingenious Greek businessmen whose talents and flair contributed to the creation of Greece's modern maritime status. Like some mercantile Agamemnon and Menelaus of their age, the pair - though, unlike the iraternal Argives, generally at each other's throats - seemed to bestride the seas with their ships. By the early 1980s (by which time his rival had died) Niarchos had built up one of the world's largest private tanker fleets -some four million tonnes deadweight. Notwithstanding that the slump which hit world merchant shipping also took a severe toll of his fleet, he was nevertheless big enough and canny enough to survive it.

Although his holding of ships was more than halved by the recession. emerging after it at little over 1.8 million tonnes deadweight from 26 tankers and bulk carriers, he was still in the top ten of Greek shipowners. But when a new generation emerged in Greece in erecent years to take the lead, Niarchos diversified his investments and financial interests into property, art and the money markets. In purely shipping terms, by the time of his death he ranked 15th in the list of Greek owners, with 18 vessels totalling just over a million tonnes.

His rivalry with Onassis was replete with all the explosiveness implicit in the age-old proverb "When Greek meets Greek ... " and had a sexual as well as a mercantile dimension. Their acrimonious business dealings came scarcely second in the public perception to the passion of both men for being seen in the company of the most glamorous - and if possible rich women of their day. Indeed, the last of Niarchos's five wives had formerly been married to Onassis. A private island, luxury yachts, an educated taste for art and a string of racehorses were the other accourrements of the life Niarchos led outside the world of his shipping and business interests.

Stavros Spyros Niarchos was born in Piraeus, the port of Athens, the son of Spyros Niarchos and his wife Eugenie. His birth took place soon after his parents returned from the United States where they had emigrated. He graduated at the Law School of Athens University and went to work in the Piraeus flour-mills owned by his maternal uncles. He soon showed the acute business acumen for which he was ever afterwards noted when he persuaded these relations to buy their own cargo ships to carry wheat to their mills. He himself invested all his outbreak of the Second World War he had set up a small shipping office in Piraeus to operate his seven ships, which included two tankers.

In 1941 he offered this, still at that time modest, fleet to the Allies, while he himself joined the Greek Navy. For STAVROS NIARCHOS



four years he served in destroyers escorting convoys in the North Atlantic. He was a lieutenant, Royal Navy, when he was demobilised and returned to his shipping business. Of his seven vessels only one returned unscathed from the war. He cashed in about £500,000 from insurance and promptly invested it in more ships. In an age before that of the supertanker he had a vision of the big ship. By 1949 he was building up to 18,000 tonnes with his World Peace. His 45,000tonne World Glory, ordered in 1954, was then the largest tanker in the world (though a mere minnow by the side of today's half a million-tonne leviathans).

In 1956, when expatriate shipowners were urged to invest in Greece to help in their fatherland's economic development, he bid for the concession of the Greek national airlines, but lost to Aristotle Onassis, who went on to set up Olympic Airways. In 1957, however, he spent £8.5 million to build Hellenic Shipyards, a shipbuilding and repairing installation at Skaramanga, near Piracus. By then he was regarded as He owned villas in Paris, London, New York, the Bahamas and on the French Riviera, but preferred to live mostly at St Moritz where he had set up an extraordinary communications centre to keep an eye on the activities of his vast shipping empire.

He was a genial host and entertained in the grand manner, with an extravagance which was not, however, ostentatious when compared with that of Onassis. Spetsopoula, an almost deserted islet some fifty miles southwest of Athens, was fitted out as his private island retreat. He stocked the island with pheasants and partridges and entertained guests at shooting parties, among them the then King Constantine and Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, Princess Margaret and members of other European royal families.

in the 1950s, when continental royalty in Europe was fast becoming an extinct species, he financed Queen Frederica's get-acquainted cruises for members of reigning and deposed royal and princely houses; this initiative eventually resulted in several marriages.

He was a keen sportsman and a great art collector. His luxurious motor yacht Atlantis - which replaced the three-masted schooner Creole - as well as his house in Paris were well stocked with the works of El Greco, and Renoir. In January 1965 he negotiated a massive sale of 50 ships to American corporation \$71 million.

But the deal was called off because of American buyers hesitant, since most of the ships were under time-charters

His long-standing rivalry with Onassis reached its climax in 1969 when the military dictatorship in Athens was offering a lucrative oil refinery contract in exchange for massive industrial investment projects. Onassis was on the verge of signing up a \$600 million contract with the Greek Government when Niarchos stepped in with an attractive counter-bid, and managed to upset the negotiations. The two men denounced

each other publicly and acrimoniously. The Onassis deal eventually fell through, but Niarchos managed to secure for himself the ownership of one-half of the state relinery at Aspropyrgos in exchange for industrial investments of \$200 million which were never carried out. When the dictatorship collapsed, the new Greek Government challenged the validity of Niarchos's deal with the dictators and bought him out of Aspropyrgos.

In 1985 he sold his shipyard to the Greek state when the ruling Socialists denied him permission for large-scale redundancies to offset serious losses caused by the shipping crisis and politically motivated labour unrest.

He was married five times: his first marriage, when he was 21, was a brief affair and lasted only a year. It is excised from the record books. He married, secondly, in 1939. Melpomene Capparis. There were no children of this marriage, which was dissolved in 1947. But it was his marriage in that year to the daughter of another Greek shipowner. Evgenia Livanos, that lasted longest. (Her sister, Tina, had married Onassis the previous year.) By her he had three sons and a daughter. Her death in Spetsopoula in May 1970 was from what the coroner described as an overdose of barbiturates, but bruises on her body also seemed to suggest violence and Niarchos was charged with manslaughter. A judicial council exonerated him. He was considerably embittered by the experience and his visits to Greece from Switzerland, which he had made his home, became less frequent.

However in 1965 he had briefly divorced Evgenia in order to marry Charlotte McDonnell Ford, by whom he had a daughter. They divorced 15 months later and he drifted back to Evgenia. Since the Greek Orthodox Church had never recognised his divorce from Evgenia this resumption of conjugal ties needed no formal sanction. Soon after Evgenia's death, he married her sister. Tina, the former wife of Onassis. It was assumed at the time that he had done this to spite his arch-rival or even to unite the gigantic shipping fortunes of the Niarchoses and the Livanoses. Tina died in Paris in October 1974 of a sudden illness (Onassis died in the following year). was known to have had a series of tempestuous romances with beautiful

He is survived by the three sons and But the deal was called off because of daughter of his marriage to Evgenia, the sterling crisis which had made the and by the daughter of his marriage to Charlotte Ford.

### SIR WILLIAM WILKINSON

Sir William Wilkinson. chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, 1983-91, died after a stroke on April 12 aged 63. He was born on July 22, 1932.

AFTER a successful career in industry and merchant banking, latterly as a director of Kleinwort Benson, William Wilkinson sank his energies into what had always been his first love - wildlife and its protection. Ever since his boyhood, when his family had spent holidays in South Wales, Wilkinson had been fascinated by birds. Ornithology remained his lifelong passion. He became the chairman

during the 1980s - the last decade of its existence - of the now defunct Nature Conservancy Council, and had the unhappy experience of seeing that body wound down in 1991. Wilkinson had fought the new Environment Protection Act, which had paved the way for the NCC's closure, every inch of the way, and had been invested, as a result, with the aura of a hero by many of those working in voluntary

conservation bodies. William Henry Naim Wilkinson was the son of a keen amateur ornithologist and housemaster at Eton. His mother was a lecturer in Classics at London University. He was educated at Eton. where he was a King's Scholar, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a Major Scholar, and read Classics. His main career was in industry and banking, and he held a number of directorships, at Lonhro in the early 1970s and at the merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson from 1973 to 1985. From 1986 to 1990 he was a board member of the former Central Electricity Generating Board.

All this was concurrent with his work for the conservation movement. During the 1960s, Wilkinson had worked in Turkey, and while he was there he helped to found the Ornithological Society of Turkey, which became the Ornitholog-ical Society of the Middle East under his chairmanship. When he returned to Britain, he became a council member of the RSPB, and its treasurer, 1971-76 and 1981-83. In 1983 he was made chairman of the Joining the NCC at a critical

brought a new dimension to its activity, through his experience in finance and administration. He won the organisation a huge increase in budget. and gave a quality of leadership that carried it through to



a new height of influence. Among his achievements was his successful battle to control the industry of afforestation. which was threatening to overrun many wildlife habitats. He was rewarded with a knighthood in 1989.

Eight years ago, personal tragedy struck when Wilkinson was suddenly and permanently afflicted by nearblindness. This was swiftly followed by the bad news that the Government had decided to devolve the powers of the NCC onto three bodies serving Scotland, Wales and England. The crisis had originated in

the Environment Protection Act 1990, one of the last legacies of Nicholas Ridley's time as Environment Secretary, an Act which Wilkinson had described as "half-boiled" since its early stage on the drawing board. He argued that the three new bodies would be underfunded and illprepared, and that it would be impossible for individual agencies to assess conservation needs on a national basis. Nor were they likely to wield the same sort of influence as the old NCC (something which Wilkinson suspected might have been the Government's original intention in founding them).

The plan was seen through into law by Ridley's successor, Chris Patten. Wilkinson delivthe Government's action when he presented the council's final annual report in November 1990, and was given a standing ovation.

After the demise of the NCC. Wilkinson spent his last years

giving enthusiastic support to the voluntary conservation bodies, and helping to raise their profile within the whole conservation movement. He was chairman of Plantlife, and president of the London Wildlife Trust and of the British Trust for Ornithology. As chairman of Birds of the Western Palaearctic, he helped to see this great ninevolume series of definitive bird books through to successful completion.

Wilkinson was a tactful man, and won many victories though friendly diplomacy, allied to a more hidden steely resolve. He had a flair for composing elegant speeches which hit all the right notes and disarmed the opposition. His other great love was music, especially opera, and he had a fine baritone voice. He was also a keen amateur archaeologist.

Faced often with extremely difficult decisions, Wilkinson brought a rare moral courage to his conservation work. And despite his blindness he bravely showed enormous commitment in meeting the duties he had undertaken, particularly in diligent attendance at meetings, though he owed much to the support of his wife Kate. Wilkinson continued to delight in wild nature, as when he was taken to see, however imperfectly, the charming dotmountain tops, and the Flow Country which he had fought so hard to save from the plantations of conifers.

William Wilkinson is survived by his wife, and by his son and two daughters.

### SIR STEPHEN MILLER

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Sir Stephen Miller. KCVO. Surgeon Oculist to the Queen, 1974-80, and Hospitalier of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, 1980-90, died on April 12 aged 80. He was born on July 19, 1915.

A MAN of remarkable surgical skill coupled with an impressive capacity for organisation, Stephen Miller achieved renown both within his profession as an ophthalmic surgeon and in related helds outside it. While a consultant at St George's Hospital he worked also at Moorfields Eye Hospital to establish the first glaucoma

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unit in London, offering a specialist level of care which would have been impossible to achieve in the general clinics of the time. In later years, he devoted his energies with the same unstinting enthusiasm to charitable work, rejuvenating the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, a hospital whose policy was to hold its doors open to all in need, regardless of race or creed.

Stephen James Hamilton Miller was born in Arbroath. Tayside. The eldest of the family, he was a studious child and to those who did not know him may have seemed a little distant. His headmaster described him in a school report as "lofty and sour to those who knew him not, but to those who sought him, sweet as summer". He read medicine at

Aberdeen University, graduating in 1937. After a series of house appointments, including one in ophthalmology at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, he was called up in 1939 as a surgeon-lieutenant. RNVR. He had three years of general duties in the Mediterranean before, by an extraordinary act of confidence in view of his limited ophthalmic experience, he was appointed to the position of ophthalmic specialist at the RN Auxiliary Hospital, Kilmacolm, one of the

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busiest naval hospitals of the time. Given this opportunity, he essentially taught ophthalmology and in 1944 achieved the standard required for the Diploma of Ophthalmic Surgery and Medicine in London.

With his new qualification he was promptly seconded to the Royal Navy Hospital in Bighi in Malta. Here he impressed Air Commodore Keith Lyle, who intermittently visited and inspected the ophthalmic services of the Maltese hospitals, to the extent that Miller was asked to care for the RAF personnel on the island in addition to his naval duties. This contact with Lyle

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was to have a profound effect on his career at a later date. After demobilisation in May 1946, he took a brief appointment in Glasgow Eye Infirmary before an appointment as consultant ophthalmic surreon in Hull Royal Infirmary.

This, however, was not a success. Miller soon realised that the new hospital and equipment which had been promised were not to materialise and he resigned after only six weeks, predict-ing that a new hospital would not be built for 20 years. In fact, it took 21. It was at this time that he

once more sought the advice of Keith Lyle, who urged him to start again at the bottom of the ladder in London. Miller resigned his consultant's post to become a registrar on the house of the Royal Westminster Eye Hospital. When a sudden restructuring of ophthalmic services in London made it seem that there would be no consultant appointments available for several years, he left to live in California for a while, but returned to England again after just a few months and became registrar at St George's Hospital. In 1952 he was promoted to consultant in ophthalmology. Subsequently he was appoint-

ed to the consultant staff at Moorfields Eye Hospital. High Holborn, and the National Hospital for Nervous

Diseases, Queen Square.
At Moorfields he was able to establish the first glaucoma unit in London, believing that progress and understanding and treatment of glaucoma depended upon careful examination of visual fields and other tests delegated to trained personnel. Similarly at the National Hospital, Queen Square, he established an ophthalmic unit second to none, using funds from the Frost Charitable Trust. of which he was chairman, to purchase new equipment.

In 1965 Miller was appointed Surgeon Oculist to Her Majesty's Household and subsequently, from 1974 to 1980, Surgeon Oculist to the Queen. In 1979 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the

Royal Victorian Order. in 1980, at the age of 65, Miller retired from the NHS. He immediately became Hospitaller of the Order of St John in which capacity he was responsible to the manager of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, in 1980 the hospital's capital account stood at £250,000. Realising



quate. Miller embarked upon a campaign to bring the work of the hospital to the attention of a wider audience. He achieved enormous success. When he retired as Hospitaller in 1990, the hospital had been re-equipped to the standards of a London teaching hospital and the capital account had been increased to more than 46 million. He was appointed a Knight of the Order of St John in 1978 and Bailiff Grand Cross in 1987.

He also supported the Guide Dogs for the Blind and served as a trustee from 1981 to 1991. He contributed to the restructuring of committees to ensure a more equitable assessment of those who might require guide dogs and he also set up a committee of distinguished members to advise the society how best to distribute its funds for research into the causes and prevention of blindness.

Miller served as a governor of Moorfields Eye Hospital from 1961 to 1967 and again from 1974 to 1977. He was Master of the Oxford Ophthalmic Congress, 1969-70, and received the Doyne Medal in 1972 and the Montgomery Medal in 1974.

He also wrote several textbooks, including Modern Trends in Ophthalmology (1973). Operative Surgery (1976) and Parsons' Diseases of the Eve (1978).

Miller's main sporting interest was golf, but in his retirement he took up again a boyhood pastime of fishing.

He also played the piano. He is survived by his wife Heather, whom he married in 1949, and by their three sons, the youngest of whom is now a consultant at Moorfields Eye Hospital.

that this was wholly inade-

### THE ABUSE OF TIPPING. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

As the practice of tipping has widened its scope by conquering the new countries of the world, so it has deepened its power ower those who live in old countries where the pourboire has long been an established institution. For example, consider the fashion of copping in the better-class London restaurants. Ten years ago a piece of silver was always sufficient to aken the waiter's smile; a few coppers were a sufficient guarantee that he would bring you your hat and coat with the requisite deference, To-day, the waiter at any good West-end restaurant expects from 15 to 20 per cent on the amount of your bill. Anything else causes him to cast on you that look, which the holdest flinch from intended to imply that you are a "gent" rather than a gentleman. The waiter, poor fellow, is not to be blamed for thus endeavouring to keep up the local standard of tipping. The management, which pays him no wages or even exacts a payment from him and so casts the burden of his maintenance on the public, is really to blame for the system. Not a few of the places where, a few years ago, one

could dine with simple lummy and decorously

at a reasonable cost have been spoilt for the

person of moderate means by the lavish

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When to tip, whom to tip and how much are problems which can face people today, just as they did in the Edwardian spring of 1908. In country house circles it seems to have been felt that the chauffeur, the "spoilt durling of the servants' half", had rather got above himself.

meteoric trail of gold and silver donations behind them as they "streak" through our poor, patient metropolis . . .

But it is in certain country houses that one observes the most odious abuses of tipping. Time was when the man of moderate means could always accept an invitation to spend the week-end at some well-to-do friend's country seat or to enjoy a day's shooting. In the former case a single pound would cover all necessary donations; in the latter, a sovereign to the headkeeper and half-sovereigns, or even what the cabmen call "dollars," to his underlines were amply sufficient. In these days, however,

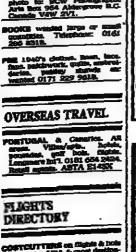
five times as much is expected and paid as a matter of course. If, for example, you tip the chauffeur who takes you from and to the station on the same scale as, on the occasion of previous visits in days before the motor-car arrived, you tipped the groom who drove the dogcart, his manner of acceptance is apt to be positively impertinent. The chauffeur is still a spoilt darling of the servants' hall, though in the best houses successful efforts are being made to reduce his status to that of oldfashioned coachman, who, even if he is disappointed in the size of his tip, seldom or never allows his resentment to dislocate his manners ... The standard of dpping in country houses has now become so exorbitant that it is more economical to spend one's weekends at a good hotel. As for shooting invitations, no man of small means can afford to accept them. The impudence of undertipped keepers sometimes passes all bounds. A friend of mine, who offered two sovereigns to a headkeeper, received the amazing answer of a hand placed behind the back-a most emphatic refusal to take the gift-and the significant words, "Sir. this is a paper house." That was to say, nothing less than a £5 note should have been offered to this dignitary. who, to do him justice, had shown the party the best of sport . . .

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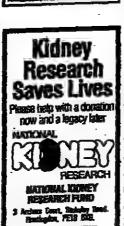
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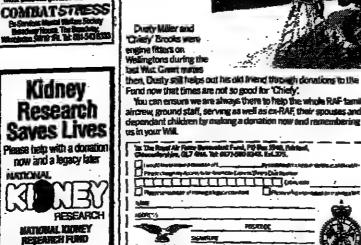
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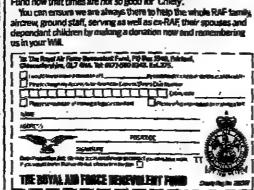


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### School standards warning

Sir Claus Moser, who made a speech six years ago which ignited public anxiety over education, said last night that standards had slipped still further since then.

The former Warden of Wadham College, Oxford, who is an adviser to the Prince of Wales and was the founder of the National Commission on Education, welcomed recent government initiatives in schools, but argued that underachievement had become even more serious since 1990 ...

### Duchess says Duke is her bestest friend

■ The Duchess of York declared that she would remain "the bestest of friends" with her estranged husband as the couple, along with 28 other petitioners, were granted a divorce in their absence in the Family Division of the High Court in a hearing lasting less than three minutes...

### Major stands firm

John Major, speaking in Prague, let it be known that he will resist pressure for radical right wing policies after the Tories' drubbing at the Staffordshire by-election ....Pages 2, 8, 2! 'Enemy alien' sues

A German-born pensioner who claims she was treated as an "enemy alien" and interned during the War has been granted legal aid to seek compensation from the Government......Page 3

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Michael Howard pandered to popular public outrage when he ordered that the schoolboy killers of James Bulger should be detained for a minimum of 15 years, the High Court heard......Page 6

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Chemicals used to protect soldiers from nerve gas and desert insects during the Gulf War could have caused neurological damage, new research finds....Page 9

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Sir Jocelyn Stevens was urged to resign as chairman of English Heritage unless he apologised for mocking patrons of London's Kenwood House ..... Page 10

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Millions of Britain's best loved songbirds are disappearing from gardens and the countryside, victims of intensive farming, pollution and building ......Page 11

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Gianfranco Fini, leader of Italy's "post-Fascists" and the rising star of the election campaign, said the legacy of Fascism had been overcome and the tide was turning in his favour ...... ....... Pages 12, 21

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Ten years after the world's worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl. the region around the crippled reactor looks like a forgotten battlefield. But the fight to contain radiation continues...... Page 13 The Golden Greek

The shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos often said "I feel Greek," but he was oddly stateless and travelled the world in luxury as the wandering Golden Pages 14, 23 Greek .....

### Imran takes guard

Cancer patients returned to Imran Khan's hospital in Lahore as the cricketer turned politician considered the impact of Sunday's bomb attack..... Page 15 Pacific pact

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Prime Minister not to order a

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The National Gallery, which will this month unveil a major restoration, was attacked for its "secretive" art cleaning policies and for a series of scientific "blunders" since the War that have altered the look of Old Masters including works by Titian, Veronese and Giampietrino. Michael Daley, the British art



John Prescott and Tony Blair at the launch of Labour's local election campaign at Millbank Tower in London yesterday. Page 8

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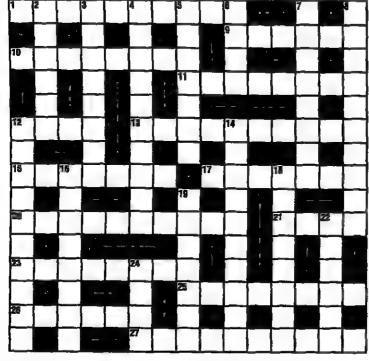
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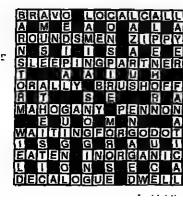
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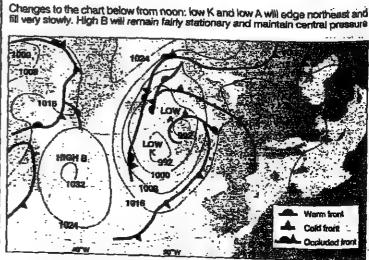
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Huge regulatory hurdles to be overcome before offer can be made for generator

# Americans plan National Power bid

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SOUTHERN Company, the US utility, yesterday appeared poised to reshape the electricity industry after confirming its intentions to take over National Power, Britain's largest electricity

The move by the Atlanta company puts pressure on the Government, just as it is making its mind up on whether National Power and Power-Gen should be allowed to take over regional electricity

A full takeover by Southern of National Power could be worth up to £8 billion and is expected if the generators' bids for the regional electricity companies are cleared. Such a ratification would endorse the combination of generation and distribution in electricity and be crucial for Southern which already owns the UK regional company South

Western Electricity (Sweb). Southern is now believed to be talking with the Department of Trade and Industry and other authorities such as the Office of Electricity Regu-lation and the Office of Fair Trading. It will be seeking to persuade the Government to allow Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, to relinquish the golden share it holds in the generators, which prohibits



Eggar: golden share

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The move by Southern first faces considerable regulatory hurdles and a whiplash of political and consumer concern. Labour called for a halt to

the "ad hoc" restructuring of the industry and demanded a

Pennington Power takenvers.

quick decision on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into National Power's (UK) and PowerGen's bid for Midlands Electricity.

Some City sources and industry watchers believe that Southern is not interested in National Power alone but also in the



chance of moving on Southern Electric, for which the UK generator has bid. Although sources close to the US company reject that as the ultimate aim, the fit between National Power and Southern (UK) is better regarded than a link with Sweb, a stake in which Southern is looking to sell.

If the DTI throws out the generators' bids for the regioncompanies, thereby scuppering Southern of the US plans for vertical integration Southern could turn its attention to water, it is believed.

Some analysts in the City, which is divided over whether Southern will easily clear regulatory obstacles, believe the agfor the option on an all-out asessive company is moving sault on the UK electricity industry and could want control over National Power. Southern (UK) and an interest in Sweb.

Southern rushed out a statement after midnight talks between Tom Boren, chief executive of its overseas division and John Baker, chairman, and Keith Henry, chief executive of National Power. Its next step will come after the ruling by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, on the

generators' takeovers. While a price still has to be negotiated, Mr Baker is already looking at a profit of nearly £900,000 on share options held. Mr Henry, who joined the company recently. does not have options dis-

closed in the annual report. National Power was reluctant to comment yesterday beyond stressing that Southern could not move until after

the DTI ruling.
Southern said only that it was interested in a combination of the businesses although a takeover is thought the only route. The DTI said a review of its golden share would be taken if there was a need to do so. It declined an assurance that it would hold on to the share which is timeless.



Tom Boren, Southern's overseas chief executive, met National Power chiefs at midnight



John Baker, left, who is looking at £900,000 in share options, with Keith Henry

### A tough company from the South

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

SOUTHERN of Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the largest and most aggressive of the US utilities. Its markets stretch far across the American South. It is the parent of five electricity concerns and involved in cable and telecom joint ventures and

nuclear power. in 1991, it sacked Jeffrey Hamburg as head of Southern Electric International, its overseas subsidiary, for "alleged unethical business practices' connected with an SEI bid for a Portuguese power plant. Mr Hamburg sued for \$20 million for defamation, arguing that he was a scapegoat in the company's attempt to prove that it was whiter than white.

When it sacked Mr Hamburg the company said that it was anxious to maintain a clean record in business practices. This was hardly surprising since in the late 1980s it had been charged with several ethical and tax violations that had attracted the scrutiny of the taxmen and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

it is natural that the ambitions of such a large company should turn to foreign markets, particularly at a time when tight regulation at home is making it harder to earn the kind of profits to which Southern is used. It was typical of Southern's aggression that it was the first US company to buy a British utility, leading the way to a spate of bids by other American companies.

Its ownership of South West-ern Electricity (Sweb) has also encountered controversy via Swebgas's aggressive marketing campaign in the run-up to competition in the domestic gas market in the South West. The campaign drew a large num-ber of complaints and Swebgas was forced to withdraw its

doorstep sales drive. Southern applied to the SEC last year for exemption from a rule that prevents American utilities from earning over 50 per cent of their profits from overseas. Last year, its earnings topped \$1 billion, with revenues of more than \$7 billion.

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### Woolwich meets

The Peter Robinson affair is likely to dominate today's annual meeting of the Woolwich Building Society. Mr Robinson said the former chief executive would not attend. The issues to be raised include the external report now being prepared by KPMG, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the solicitor, on the circumstances of Mr Robinson's departure. One Woolwich member will, however, miss a wedding to attend the meeting. Page 27, Diary 29

### Sea Empress

The environmental and economic costs of the Sea Empress disaster on the coast near Milford Haven two months ago could be as high as £64 million, according to estimates provided by the oil industry.

# Unemployment figures falling 'steadily' at 10,000 a month

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government maintained that unemployment is falling at a steady rate of about 10,000 a month after a surprise rise in joblessness announced last month was followed yesterday by a larger-than-expected fall of 25.700 in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit.

But in spite of the better news on jobs, Whitehall and the City were concerned about a rise in average earnings growth -- the first for eight months. Last month's increase in claimant unemployment was also revised downwards yesterday, from 6,800 to 5,500.

Gillian Shephard, the Employment and Education Secretary, said that the two months' figures were consistent with the assessment by the Office for National Statistics of a downward trend of about 10,000 a month. "Britain has now entered its fourth successive year of steady growth in jobs and falling unemployment," she said. Average earnings rose after

seven months of flat growth of 3.25 per cent. Revisions to the figures mean that for the last month or two, earnings in dustries are now seen as rising at a rate of 3.5 per cent — the rate at which earnings across

the economy are now in-

Some City analysts suggested that the upturn in average earnings growth could be the start of a continuing trend because the rise - albeit a gentle one — in pay settle-

months - takes unemploy-

Whitehall officials suggest-

Don Foster, Liberal Democrat employment spokesman. said the figures showed that Britain's economy remains in a fragile and lacklustre state".

figures showed rising employment, and separate statistics from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey for the three months to February showed a 94,000 fall in unemployment and a 118,000 rise in

### **PIA** aims to hasten mis-selling review

By ROBERT MILLER

THE City watchdog responsi-ble for overseeing the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling review has given warning of a "serious" disciplinary crack-down on firms failing to make "sufficiently rapid progress". The warning from the Per-

sonal Investment Authority, which polices firms selling direct to the public, coincided with details of the first compensation payments to be made for mis-selling personal pensions announced by the Investors Compensation Scheme. Of seven firms "declared in default" by the ICS, a mechanism to trigger compensation payments, Du Bara Investments and Individual Savings & Insurance Services are understood to involve more than 1,000 transfer cases. This is where investors were advised to leave generous occupational

schemes for a private plan. In the case of Du Bara, it is understood that dozens of former miners, who had been made redundant by their colliery in Nantgarw. Mid Glamorgan, were approached to leave the Mineworkers Pen-

sion Scheme in 1989. The PIA said that, to date, about a million cases of misselling had been identified, of which 392,000 were in the priority category. So far, compensation has been offered in 7.000 cases and £6.7 million has been paid out.



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### Further rate cut unlikely By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT clearer evidence that growth Monetary Fund which said KENNETH CLARKE, the that it saw little room, if any Chancellor, and Eddie

George, Governor of the Bank of England, agreed to cut rates at their monetary meeting last month, but both said they stand ready to raise rates again if necessary. Their statements, con-

tained in the minutes of the March 7 meeting published yesterday, convinced the money markets that no more cuts in base rates can now be expected. Sterling futures had priced in another 4-point cut, but moved sharply away from that view yesterday.

The minutes coincided with the latest economic outlook from the International

at all, for further cuts in UK interest rates. This is in spite of predicting growth this year of only 22 per cent, well below the Treasury's predic-

Pennington

In yesterday's minutes, Mr George recommended a 4point cut to 6 per cent at the March meeting, but said rates may have to be raised at some point further ahead if monetary growth did not moderate and if there was

had begun to accelerate. Mr Clarke was neutral. Although he said that he stood ready to put rates up later this year if necessary, he said his position remained "that he would continue to be ready to move rates in either direction as the evidence justified". The markets interpreted

the remarks, along with recent data on the economy suggesting a genuine pickup in consumer demand, as calling the end of lower rates in this economic cycle. The markets are now looking for hase rates of about 7.25 per cent in a year's time.

ments has not yet fed through into earnings growth. Yesterday's fall in the unem-

ployed count -- the 35th in 39 ment to its lowest level since April 1991. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate fell from 7.9 to 7.8 per cent of the workforce, its lowest level since May 1991.

ed that the ending of industrial action by civil servants, the continuing impact of invalid-ity benefit and a five-week month all had an impact on the size of the fall. Unadjusted unemployment in March fell 72,167 to 2,330,799. Michael Meacher, Labour's

Shadow Employment Secretary, attacked the Government over the fall, saying: "Government ministers may make much of any fall in the unemployment figures, just as they try to ignore any rise. Of course, the movement in the official figures is now too erratic to draw any firm

conclusions." New manufacturing jobs

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE International Monetary Fund yesterday expressed concern that the economic slow-down in Europe is compromising the ability of Germany, France and others to meet the criteria for monetary union in 1999.

In its semi-annual World Economic Outlook, the fund revised down its forecast for world growth this year to 3.8 per cent from the 4.1 per cent it had expected in October, a move that largely reflected disappointing developments in the European economies.

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The fund said that there is room for further reductions in interest rates in Europe to boost growth and counterbalance the dampening effect on economic growth of budget deficit of the meet the Maastricht treaty's fiscal criteria for entry into monetary union.

entry into monetary union.

It said that the fiscal targets are still feasible provided economic growth picks up as it expects. The fund is projecting that world growth will recover

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to 4.3 per cent in 1997.
Germany, expected to grow by just 1 per cent this year, should see growth of 2.9 per cent in 1997 while French growth should accelerate from 1.3 per cent this year to 2.8 per cent next year.

But the fund said that it will

But the fund said that it will not be easy to hit the Maastricht targets and that there could be more turbulence ahead for the French franc.

ahead for the French franc.
"Qualification by a sufficiently large number of countries is by no means assured," it said, suggesting that the fiscal targets might be interpreted liberally to ensure that monetary union goes ahead on schedule.

It suggested, for example, that governments should focus on the structural component of their deficits rather than actual deficits which have been swelled by extra social security and unemployment benefit payments because of a conomic slow-down.

down.

The Enrichean growth problem specifically relates to those countries whose currencies shadow the mark closely. Countries outside the exchange-rate mechanism have outperformed those inside it. Britain and Italy being prime examples. It suggested that there was scope for some appreciation in both sterling and the lira.

The fund predicted steady American growth, forecasting 1.8 per cent growth this year and 2.2 per cent in 1997. But it said that there was a significant risk to the US recovery if President Clinton and Congress fail to reach agreement on balancing the US budget.

The IMF was also positive about Japan, with growth of 2.7 per cent predicted for this year and 3.1 per cent next year. This compares with only 0.9 per cent in 1995. The fund applauded the sharp fall in the yen after the record levels seen a year ago.



Lord Tugendhat said the home loans market showed signs of only a moderate pick-up

# Abbey chief cautious on housing market

BY ROBERT MILLER

LORD Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, yesterday cautioned against an over-optimistic view on prospects for the UK housing market this year.

He told the bank's annual meeting that while the level of mortgage applications received had been "encouraging" the home loans market as a whole still only showed signs of a "moderate pick-up".

Lord Tugendhat, whose sal-

Lord Tugendhat, whose salary rose to £263.762 last year against £242,393 in 1994, said that the Abbey National Bank Account continued to perform well, with an average of more than 10,000 new accounts being opened every month. Abbey National has also issued 30,000 of its new Visa credit cards since the February launch.

Lord Tugendhat said that the two major fiscal mile-stones in 1995 were a pre-tax profit of more than EI billion and the rise in assets to top £100 billion. The 2.4 million shareholders, who can expect a dividend payout of 21.75p per share for the full year, have seen the value of 100 free shares handed out at the time of the former building society's stock market conversion in July 1989 more than quadruple, Lord Tugendhat said.

Voting on the proposed takeover of the National & Provincial Building Society last week attracted an impressive turnout, with 83 per cent of eligible savers and 71 per cent of borrowers voting in favour of the deal.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Lloyd's application to postpone lost

LLOYD'S of London yesterday lost its application to postpone a crucial High Court action on the grounds that a delay would not disadvantage the market's attempt to settle with its litigating names. The case centred on whether Lloyd's has the right to seize directly any court awards made in successful litigants. That is rather than names receiving the compensation awards and deploying the funds as they see fit. Thousands of litigating names have already won damages from a string of High Court actions. However, the funds are

Thousands of litigating names have already won damages from a string of High Court actions. However, the funds are being held in escrow until the outcome of Lloyd's £2.8 billionplus settlement offer is known. In an attempt to capture the money directly. Lloyd's amended names' premium trust deeds and it is the legality of this change that is being tested.

### Designs on a quote

DONNA KARAN is joining other fashion designers who have launched shares on the stock market recently, taking advantage of the boom in luxury goods. The New York designer plans a global share offering worth about \$230 million in the early summer. This is the second attempt. The original offer in August 1993 was pulled after the retailing downtrum. Donna Karan had sales of \$510 million last year. Morgan Stanely and Bear Stearns are lead managers.

### Havelock Europa ahead

HAVELOCK EUROPA, the maker of bank and shop interiors, saw profits rise 32 per cent to E5.3 million before tax. Bank of Scotland was its main customer as it replaced 1980s-style bullet proof glass counters with open-plan, carpeted suites in 56 branches. Deals with Lloyds TSB and the Co-operative Bank almost quadrupled Havelock's banking sector, providing 44 per cent of turnover. The total dividend rises to 3.6p a share from 3p, with a 2.4p final. Earnings were 13.5p a share (11.2p).

### TeleWest to take on 1,000

TELEWEST COMMUNICATIONS, the largest cable company, plans to add about 1,000 employees this year, raising its workforce to 5,000, as it expands its network. Most of the jobs will be created in engineering and installation, customer services and sales and marketing. Separately, Nynex Cable Comms, the industry's second-largest player, said it had raised its cable TV and cable telephony penetration rates in the quarter to March 3]. Total revenues rose 92 per cent to £32.5 million.

### LDV accelerates

LDV, the van manufacturer, launched out of the collapsed Leyland DAF group, said pre-tax profits for 1995 rose £5 million to £23.2 million after a 43 per cent increase in turnover. Vehicle sales rose 2! per cent to more than 15,000 last year, with exports starting to have an increasingly beneficial impact on the company's trading performance, according to Allan Amey, the chief executive. LDV has created 500 new-jobs and doubled output over the past three years.

### New look AT&T results

AT&T, reporting results for the first time since it announced an important restructuring, lifted first-quarter profits 14 per cent to \$1.4 billion. The results omit subsidiaries it plans to sell or demerge. The earnings, equal to 90 cents a share, came on revenue of \$12.9 billion. A year earlier, the comparable units of AT&T earned profits of \$1.3 billion, or 80 cents a share, on revenue of \$12.4 billion. With the other units included, AT&T earned \$1.362 billion (\$1.198 billion), or 85 (76) cents a share.

# Small firms more optimistic

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

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BRITAIN'S small businesses are showing signs of economic recovery, and their support for the Conservatives is growing, according to new survey evidence today.

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The Government and Labour have both been targeting the small business vote with a range of policy initiatives, and the latest Kingston study is the first measure of small companies' voting intentions since the two main political parties intensified their campaigns in advance of the forthcoming

general election.

Previous surveys by Kingston have shown that, while the Conservatives are the most popular party, small business

vey for Office World, the stationery supply company, shows improved support for the Conservatives — up from 27.5 per cent last November to

support for the Tories is about

half the level it was in the early

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Labour's support is steady at 26.5 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats have slipped from

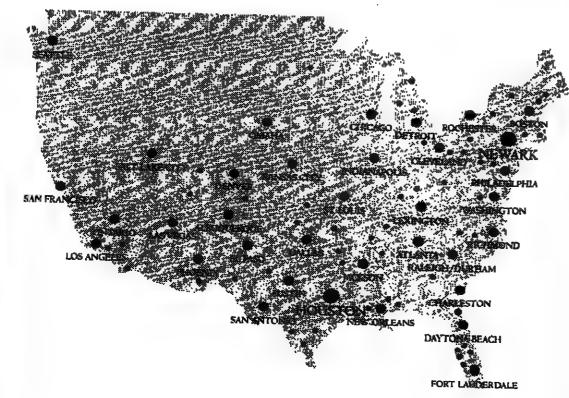
14.9 to 13.7. per cent. Almost 30 per cent of small business owners refuse to give any voting commitment.

However, small firms are feeling more confident. Their optimism about the economy has leapt from 39 per cent in November to 56 per cent in what the study says is the first sign of an improving "feelgood" factor since the summer of 1994. Small firms are also more optimistic about taking on new employees.

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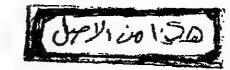
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# Electric shock treatment

about Southern creating the most serious political problem yet for the Government from the round of utilities bids. For this was the company which in a was the company which, in a serious misjudgment, was first allowed into the sheep pen.

The Americans launched the first successful bid for a British British bidder will almost in-evitably be operating in a similar regional electricity company in July. That bid should have been blocked to allow a thorough inquiry into the carve-up of British utilities that was clearly inevitable. It was not, mainly because no one in authority could think of a good reason.

The bid opened the gates for all the others, each more suspect politically. The defining moment industry, so the interests of competition policy require a reference to the MMC.

The second embarrassment is that a Southern bid could be referred or blocked entirely on public interest grounds - had the Government, not once but twice, tacitly accepted such a move. In 1991, ahead of privatisation, PowerGen's directors were politically. The defining moment cutting up nasty; they were threatened with purchase by Hanson, an Anglo-American combine. Earlier this year Britwas when the first approach by a generator for a regional company, the ScottishPower assault on Manweb, was waved through. By the time the DTI had not up the near to put a ish Energy were doing likewise; enter Duke, a Texan utility, as possible buyer and with ministers' blessing.

So there is no logical reason to block any bid, should it emerge had got up the nerve to put a couple to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the carve-

and should Southern, as it has promised, ration itself to the regional company already in the bag, South Western. How the DTI must wish there was. It is probably as well that the Engree probably as well that the Energy Minister there, Tim Eggar, is not standing for re-election next time. But the sight of US megautilities rampaging through the electricity industry sacking

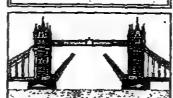
people as they go will not play well in marginal constituencies. The timing of any Southern bid for National Power is going to be tricky, as the two gen-

erators' own approaches on Mid-lands and Southern of the UK are still tentative. As the whole world knows what line the MMC has taken, a swift DTI decision is essential. This would allow firm bids to be made and agreed, and Southern of the US to make its move. Shareholders in National Power and Southern UK could then reach what decisions they choose. There is quite enough uncertainty in the markets already.

### Turning point for the markets

THE latest batch of economic figures may come to be regarded as something of a turning point, for yesterday the financial mar-kets finally gave up hope of another cut in interest rates in this economic cycle.

The ingredients in this change of heart included another healthy drop in headline unPENNINGTON



employment, but monthly fig-ures are bouncing around wildly at the moment and it is hard to at the moment and it is hard to establish a firm trend. Then there was the long-awaited nudge up in average earnings growth from the 3.25 per cent which has prevailed since last April to 3.5 per cent.

Earnings growth has prevailed.

Earnings growth has returned to the rate seen last June and is still below those prevailing in late 1994 and early 1995. But the 3.25 per cent figure has been an increasingly cherished talisman for Britain's inflation optimists, who saw it as an indication that the lid was firmly on, so some kind of spell may have been broken by yesterday's numbers. There was the assertion in the minutes of the March 7 monetary meeting by both Ken Clarke and Eddie George that, although they were cutting rates now, they stood by to raise them again if necessary. This is no more than a statement of the obvious, in the same way that a prospectus warns shareholders that prices

warms shareholders that prices go down as well as up.

The stock and gilts markets were reacting, therefore, in their usual kneejerk way, to the mere mention of higher rates — even if no betting man in the City expects higher rates ahead of an election. The closer that date gets, the harder it will be for the Chancellor to tighten money without sending his party into paroxysms. No politician behind in the polls wants their man to in the polls wants their man to don the economic hair shirt.

What, then, of the view, widespread in the City until yes-terday, that one more rate cut was in the bag? It may still be that current manufacturing doldrums may reverse the favourable trends in employment and justify another cut. But if the economy carries on growing, after a fashion at least, there seems little mileage left in the belief, given that warfare in the

building society industry is delivering low mortgage rates without the need for a move from the Chancellor.

### Investors who stick heads in the sand

PROFESSOR Jim Gower. architect of the Financial Services Act, summed it up. The object of the Act, he said, was not to prevent fools losing their money, but to prevent reasonable people being made fools of.

This is one reason why ostriches do not rate a mention in the FSA. Another is that a decade ago no one could envisage investing in them, any more than in a collection of classic cars or any of the other off-the-wall ideas that have parted investors from their

money since then.

It is possible to feel real sympathy for those who have put up to £75,000. in some cases their life savings, into the Ostrich Farming Corporation, now the subject, amid great bitterness, of a winding-up order by the DTI. It is not possible to understand such foolishness. Investment

spans a vast spectrum from the downright idiotic at one extreme, Nigerian scam letters and their like, to legitimate bonds and shares at the other, and the rewards that are claimed always reflect the degree of risk.

At various points along this spectrum, but all clearly at the riskier and more rewarding end, have been classic cars, timeshare apartments, BCCI and Barlow Clowes, even a weekly flutter on the National Lottery. Ostriches too were situated at the spectrum and lative end of that spectrum, and comments in the financial press

reflected this high risk. The recriminations that have followed the collapse of the Ostrich Farming Corporation, as investors attempt to identify and take possession of the birds they thought they owned, do not change these simple rules of investment. Nor, one suspects. do they prevent the whole sorry story being repeated again and again elsewhere.

### The next bet

☐ SPEAKING of the naive hopes of some investors, a caller to this office yesterday had this simple inquiry. Did we know which building societies were still independent — and which would be the next to be taken over? No, but if you ever find out, do let us know.



Open to offers: Signet, headed by James McAdam, is considering bids for H Samuel and Ernest Jones

# Signet results could end long-term financial crisis

THE rebel shareholders in

Julian Treger of the UK Active Value Fund, which

Mr Treger said this should

"There seems to be enough for

Signet, headed by James McAdam, is considering of-Jones, from bidders including worth" of the 600 stores.

8 per cent.
Signet is anxious to simplify its complex capital structure

unable to pay dividends.

Walker Boyd, finance director, said the £90 million of

Improved United Kingdom profits of £18.1 million (£11.4 million) showed the benefit of the sale of the loss-making

per cent fall in sales. Its margins rose to 8 per cent.

### **RJR Nabisco** raider admits defeat

BENNETT LEBOW, the corporate raider, has con-ceeded defeat in his battle to force RJR Nabisco to spin off its tobacco business from its food side (Richard Thom-

son writes from New York). His unexpected capitulation means that his strategy of settling tobacco-related law suits at Liggett, his own company, which caused up-roar in the tobacco industry, has failed. His aim was to

persuade RJR to follow suit. The settlement, the first of its kind, backfired because it opened the floodgates to cases against other companies, which caused tobacco share prices to plummet and angered RJR investors.

### Bell Atlantic and Nynex close to \$22bn merger FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BELL ATLANTIC and Nynex are expected to announce a \$22 billion merger in the next few days, creating the second linkup between two US regional telephone companies since the deregulation of the telecoms industry.

Insiders say that the two companies, which dominate the east coast market in local telephone traffic and have been in intermittent talks for months, are close to agreeing a price at which Bell Atlantic would use stock to buy Nynex. It would be one of the largest deals in US coporate history, catapulting the merged company into second place in the industry behind AT&T.

Bell Atlantic-Nynex would have more than 36 million customers, \$3 billion in earnings and more than \$27 billion in annual revenues. As well as consoldiating their hold on the east coast to fight off competition from the long-distance companies, Bell Atlantic and Nynex would be in a stronger postion to break into the longdistance market after merging.

The proposed merger is further evidence of the intense pace of consolidation within the US telecoms industry after new rules that allow the socalled 'Baby Bells', which control local phone traffic, and the long-distance operators such as AT&T and Sprint to pene-

For more than a century and a half, Patek Philippe has been known as

the finest watch in the world. The reason is very simple. It is made differently. It is made using skills and techniques that others have lost or forgotten. It is made with attention to detail very few people would

tratte each other's markets. A month ago there were seven Baby Bells', but after the latest merger there will be only five. Analysts expect further mergers in the near future.

Previous talks between Nynex and Bell Atlantic foundered on the question of price, but analysts believe Nynex may now have accepted a deal at around its current share price of \$51. This already has a substantial bid premium fac-tored into it, which is similar to the premium SBC is paying for PacTel. Atlantic Bell has resisted Nynex's demands for a higher premium on the grounds that there are no other bidders for Nynex.

Signet Group, the jeweller that owns H Samuel and Ernest Jones, believe yesterday's good results offer the company a chance to put an end to its long-running financial crisis.

leads a concert party that controls 24.1 per cent of Signet's voting rights, said the two UK jewellery chains should very easily command a price of £300 million when they are sold in the next few

allow Signet to repay preference shareholders the £510 million he says they are owed.

everyone to go round," he

fers for H Samuel and Ernest rival jewellers Goldsmiths and Argos. Mr McAdam said Signet was under no pressure to sell and would only do so if it could realise the "strategic

The group made annual pre-tax profits of £25 million, a 74 per cent improvement. Operating profits rose 30 per cent to £63.9 million, but Signet was burdened by £38.9 million of interest payments on its debt, which it has trimmed

back to £308.2 million. Signet has rejurbished nearly all of the 167 Ernest Jones shops, and these are showing a 24 per cent improvement in like-for-lite and the back of the first seventher. like sales in the first ten weeks

of this year. The total United Kingdom market is showing a 7 per cent increase, while the 433-store H Samuel is only I per cent ahead. Signet will shortly start introducing a new shop design

In the United States, Sterling increased its profits by 39 per cent to £45.9 million, with margins climbing back above

which includes nine classes of shares. It owes £135 million on its preference shares and is

ordinary shares represent only a quarter of the full market value of the company.

Salisburys travel goods chain.
Signet said that the underlying profits of the United Kingdom jewellery business also rose, by 15 per cent to £27.2 million, in spite of a 1.5

# IBM suffers \$500m drop in earnings

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

puter manufacturer, suffered a \$500 million drop in net earnings in the first-quarter of this year because of sluggish markets and delays in switching to its new maintrame computers. Although revenues climbed from \$15.7 billion to \$16.5 billion, net earnings fell to \$774 million. We turned in a good but uneven performance," said Lou Gerstner, the chairman and chief executive. He said that revenues grew in all geographic areas and shipments of Lotus Notes, which IBM purchased for more than

IBM, the world's biggest com-

were disappointing." he said. This was mainly because of the transition to the company's new mini-mainframe computers. the System/390 and AS/400. Weak demand for personal computers in the US and continuing downward pressure on prices for many products eroded the compa-

ny's profit margins.
The results did not damage the perception that IBM was successfully recreating itself after several disastrous years of falling profits and market share. Many computer com-panies have been hurt over the \$3 billion last year, had more than trebled. "At the same past few months by declining sales and tighter margins. time, though, our overall hard-

### Lloyds TSB waits on New Zealand bid

LLOYDS TSB Group is ex-pected to learn today whether its bid to buy Trust Bank of New Zealand has been successful after a last minute counter-bid by Westpac of

Trust Bank has been studying the merits of the Westpac bid, understood to be a cash deal, against that of the longstanding offer from National Bank of New Zealand, a Lloyds subsidiary. It is be-lieved that the latter's bid is similar to that of the Lloyds acquisition of TSB which was. in effect, a reverse takeover paid for with shares instead of

cash. Some analysts believe

that a third party, ASB Bank.

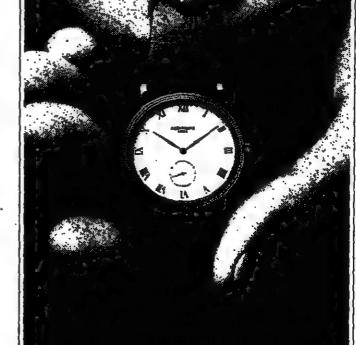
which is 75 per cent owned by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, might also be still in with an outside chance. Since the formal bidding

for Trust Bank started some weeks ago the price tag has risen to about NZ\$1.5 billion The final decision on the

preferred bidder rests with the nine community trusts that control nearly 80 per cent of Trust Bank. Lloyds TSB said last night "We never comment on mar-ket romour." If the UK group is successful in its bid for Trust

Bank it will become New

Zealand's largest bank with



Men's Calatrava - Ref 3019

notice. It is made, we have to admit, with a total disregard for time. If a particular Patek Philippe movement requires four years of continuous work to bring to absolute perfection, we will take four years. The result will be a watch that is unlike any other. A watch that conveys quality from first glance and first touch. A watch with a distinction: generation after generation it has been worn, loved and collected by those who are very difficult to please; those who will only accept the best. For the day that you take delivery of your Patek Philippe, you will have acquired the best. Your watch will be a masterpiece, quietly reflecting your own values. A watch that was made to be treasured.

# Robinson clouds Woolwich AGM

BY ANNE ASHWORTH AND ROBERT MILLER

THE Peter Robinson affair is likely to diominate the agenda at today's annual meeting of the Woolwich Building Soci ety. However, lawyers acting for the man at the centre of the controversy said the former chief executive would not attend.

The issues to be raised include the external report now being prepared by KPMG, the accountant, and Linklaters & Paines, the solicitor, on the circumstances of Mr Robinson's departure last month. The society will not yet disclose contents

of the report to members, claiming it con-tains confidential information, which is likely to irritate the assembled members.

Henry Clinton-Davis, of DJ Freeman, the law firm representing Mr Robinson, said only a limited amount of information concerning the allegations against his client had been handed over so far. Until the full report has been received and studied, Mr Clinton-Davis said no further comment would be made. Mr Robinson and his legal team are understood to have taken counsel's advice on compensation

for loss of his £320,000 post. The continuing uncertainty over Mr

Robinson's successor has made the Woolwich a prime takeover target. Among those with a clear interest in acquiring the £3 billion society could be the Prudential, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Halifax. However, Abbey National has said it will not bid. A European or Australian institution might also want to get involved. The Woolwich says no customer has, so far written or called to criticise the move to oust Mr Robinson. Head hunters compiling a shortlist to replace him are looking not only at building society executives but also those experi enced in running FT-SE 100 companies.



London: Parek Philippe Showtoom, Asprey, Garrard, Watches of Switzerland Ltd. • Stratford-Upon-Avon: George Pragnell Ltd. • Scotland: Hamilton & Inches Ltd., Watches of Switzerland Ltd. • Channel Islands; Hertich Ltd., Jewellers & Silversmiths Ltd. • Beffast: John H. Lunn Ltd. • Dublin: Weir & Son Ltd. • Chester, Boodle & Dunthorne • Leeds: Berry's.



# Shares fall as hopes of rate cut are dashed

equities fell sharply on the London stock market as the prospects of another early cut in interest rates took a knock.

Investors were rattled by the latest fall in unemployment which was coupled with a rise in average earnings. To make matters worse, it emerged that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. had contemplated a rise in interest rates at their last monthly economic meeting.

An opening fall of more than 40 points in the Dow Jones industrial average set the seal on a gloomy day's trading and brought this week's record-breaking run by the FT-SE 100 index to a screeching halt. It finished 19.7 down at 3,805.6.

The falls would have been greater had it not been for the takeover spotlight falling on the electricity sector. Confir-mation that Southern, America's largest utility company, wants to make a bid for National Power, Britain's biggest power generator, produced a renewed flurry of speculative buying in the shares. By the close of business National Power had scared further 562p to 578p. for a two-day lead of of 88p. with the partly paid adding 57p at 444p. A total of 24 million shares changed

City speculators are talking of a 700p bid, valuing the company at almost £8 billion. Any such bid would be dependent on the blessing of the Government, but National Power was playing down the situation yesterday, saying it had not received any bid approach and urging shareholders to sit tight. It is currently waiting to see if it receives the go-ahead for its own bid for Southern Electric after the original offer was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The MMC has since passed on its findings to the Department of Trade and Industry. Southern Electric fell 33p to 852p. Southern Inc recently paid El.1 billion for South West Electricity and earlier this week confirmed plans to sell off part of its stake. The proceeds would be used to finance a bid for National Power. South West Water, a further potential target of Southern, at one stage, fell 17p to 712p. It is already the target



Abbey has seen signs of a pick-up in the housing market

348p. and Severn Trent, down

lip at 592p.
This latest move also livened up the other power generators with PowerGen jumping 29p to 599p, and the partly paid 2612 p to 459p. Scottish Power also rose op to 374p, and Scottish Hydro 8p

Speculative buying was good for Ladbroke, up 3p at

as constituent of the FT-SE 250 mid-index after the takeover by Kvaerner.

There was little for shareholders of Reed International to cheer about as the price fell 24p to £11.86 after a gloomy trading update at the annual general meeting, lan Irvine, chairman, said the disposal of the consumer publishing side would only have a small

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, expects BT and Cable and Wireless to unveil details of their proposed merger sooner rather than later. It remains a bull of both companies but believes there is still plenty to go for in C&W where the next stop for the shares could be 575p.

191p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, was reported to be picking up stock for a big buyer in late trading.

Whithread advanced 10p to 734p as BZW switched its recommendation from a hold to a buy. It also had a knockon effect for Bass, up 8p at 779p. and Allied Domecq 3p Molins, unchanged at 935p,

is to replace Trafalgar House

dilutive affect on earnings, but he said that financial prospects remained little changed. The Abbey National says it

has seen the first signs of a pick-up in the depressed housing market. But Lord Tugendhat, chairman, took the edge off the good news by telling shareholders at the annual meeting that the group had lost market share in both savings and loans. He expects



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per cent in 1996. Abbey shares lost 9p to 57/p.

Any remaining hopes that Signet is poised to complete the proposed disposal of Ernest Jones and H Samuel jewelery chains were quickly dashed by James McAdam, chairman, who said the company would make an announcement in due course.

The group confirmed some time ago that it was looking for prospective buyers for the siness which could raise upwards of £300 million. Pretax profits of £25 million, up from £8.1 million last time, were at the top end of forecasts. Signet shares firmed lp to 3014p.

Brokers gave a thumbs up to half-year figures from Smiths Industries which came in above most of their forecasts. Pre-tax profits were up from £58.2 million to £69.5 million. The shares responded with a rise of 11p to 709p supported by news of a \$100 million US contract. Panmure Gordon, the broker, is looking for profits of £156 million for the full year followed by £175 million in 1997.

Boosey & Hawkes, the musical instruments manufacturer, continued to respond to better than expected trading news with a jump of 25p to 723p. On Tuesday, the group reported a jump in full-year pre-tax profits from £5.08 million to £6.16 million.

An encouraging statement on current trading at its annual meeting lifted Dixons Motor 40p to 257p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: A muted

response to the latest economic numbers and weaker German bunds left bond prices in London nursing sizeable losses on the day. In the futures pit, the June

series of the long gilt tumbled E5s to £105932. Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was E'2 lower at £10134, while at the longer end. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost E<sup>21</sup>32 at E96<sup>1</sup>16.

NEW YORK: Shares on

Wall Street were down in morning trading, deepening their losses after comments by IBM sent a shiver through the Dow industrials. IBM, which forecast first-quarter earnings said it expected a setback from currency translations in light of the stronger dollar. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 36.13 points at 5,583.89.

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# TEMPUS

# The cash cow market

down yesterday by good employment figures and Kenneth Clarke. The Chancellor would dearly love to cut lending rates in time to create a "feel-good" momentum that might last until an autumn election. However, the justification for doing so will depend on signs of weak economic growth. The first-quarter GDP figure is due this month but yesterday's indicators give little reason for the Chancellor to meddle and few reasons for investors to chase the market further.

Tuesday's surge in the FT-SE 100 above 3,800 was prompted by new Pep money working its way into equities but also by bid speculation which continues to excite FT-SE stocks. However, investors speculating where the index may end the year need to consider institutional cash flows and the likely effect of

A JUBILANT equity market was slapped a change of government Companies have been handing cash back to investors in the form of special dividends, buy-backs and takeovers. These have taken the overall cash yield on shares to about 7 per cent compared with a dividend yield of just over 4 per cent. However, there is little evidence of additional appetite for UK equities from institutions who are, instead, investing their money abroad in emerging markets.

A change of government could also alter the mood of corporate treasurers. A purist concern to return surpluses to shareholders might change if the tax regime begins to subsidise investment while takeovers will certainly be off the agenda. In such a world." the current market, driven by expectations of yet another shower of cash, looks a little-

business is likely - includ-

ing work on the Eurofighter.

deliver profits of £165 million this financial year and £185 million in 1997. After yester

day's rise the shares are now

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of about 20. Good as the

record is, that leaves little

room for disappointment....

Smiths is on course to

its biggest customer, al-though this is delaying deliv-

eries. Boeing is stepping up its aircraft production next

year. Smiths supplies about \$300,000 of equipment to

each 737 jet, and about \$600,000 worth for the wide-

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these are small sums but

they add up to a useful boost

to profits. More aerospace

### Smiths Inds.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES could stake a claim to be the least-known company in the FT-SE 100 index, but it is also one of the best regarded. With few headline-catching deals or cash calls on shareholders, Sir Roger Hurn has built Smiths into a £2.1 billion business. Despite a slump in the aerospace industry, he has consistently reported results reassuringly ahead of City expectations.

The decline in aerospace pushed Smiths to build up its medical and industrial businesses. These now make bigger contributions to profits than the aerospace arm. Medical systems in particular offer much better margins - 21 per cent versus 10 per cent.

Smiths seems to be suffering minimal damage from the recent strike at Boeing,

# BETTER BOEING BUSINESS

### Prudential

PUBLIC cynicism towards financial products is giving way to both greed and anxiety about penury in old age. The change in sentiment is good news for life insurers Prudential Corporation's business figures showed ence that some investt products have shaken neir dubious image.

though the Pru's regular nium endowment poliand with-profit pensions is are still struggling to takers, single premium products like the Prudence Bond enjoyed a big boost in the first quarter.

Special factors did help: the Pru has been heavily promoting its lump sum investment products and the insurer will have done a brisk business uni noiders seeking better returns as their deposits matured last month. The Pru's bond has killed off competitors but there are more profound and the huge budgets have

expecting a better year.

A head of steam is building up in the savings market due to low interest rates and last year's excellent performance by equity markets. The prospect of bigger gains from shares is enough to mitigate the lingering suspicion of financial products and entice money away from savings accounts. Meanwhile, public anxiety is growing over longterm financial security in a world without state pensions. For life insurers, the next task is to lure consumers into long-term saving plans; a judicious mixture of fear and greed could just do the trick.

### Planet Hollywood

PLANET Hollywood's public snare oner tures of the launch of one of the blockbuster movies from which the company draws inspiration. The frenzied excitement, the panoply of stars,

reasons why life insurers are sent expectations and the offer price soaring.

With investors asked to pay 98 times last years earth. ings for shares, the company will be valued at \$1.9 billion. more than 10 times the cost of Kevin Costner's Waterworld. Selling burgers — even in Britain today — is easier than selling movies, one reason. why Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone have put some spare cash in the venture.

Planet Hollywood is just. coming into the black after: huge set-up costs — some \$6 million per restaurant with the \$2 million launch costs written off in the first year. Profits are now coming through but investors should expect Planet Hollwood to eniov a brief run. Competition is growing fast and themed restaurants have short lives some reckon five years before expensive refurbishment is needed. This is no Casablanca.

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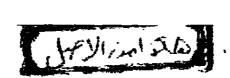
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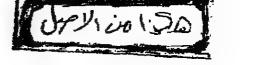
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### A matter of priorities

HEARTLESS Michael Hardern, the chief building society carpetbagger, is forgoing his father's wedding in Penzance to day to attend the Wool-wich Building Society's annual meeting. Instead of canapes with the congregation, the butler, who has served the Prince and Princess of Wales, will be running around the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre collecting members for conversion. Hardem says he's arranged to meet the newlyweds on their boneymoon in Bath on Friday, which ties in nicely with the Bristol & West's AGM that afternoon, adding "I've opened them an account with Birmingham Midshires the next building society to be taken over."

### Big spender

SUGARED words from accountant KPMG that leave a sickly taste in the mouth. When Meltis, best known as the maker of New Berry Fruits, went into receivership, recovery expert Stephen James spouted: "Meltis is clearly a famous and evocative name — I know I gave my mother boxes of New Berry Fruits on special occa-sions in the past."

### **Brolly trolley**

SWAINE, Adency, Brigg, umbrella maker to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, is adopting downmarket ideas. The Mayfair firm that supplies the Queen's riding whips, paid £4,100 for a personalised car number plate this week. Chairman John de nated "WHIP 1". but is happy to put "BROITY", on the company's snail-shaped van that boasts its three Royal warit's marketing," he



"] want my nest-egg back"

JIM McADAM, chairman of Signet the jeweller, was none too happy to hear about the shenanigans on BBC's Business Breakfast pesterday morning. As Signet's results came up on TV screens, brunette presenter Sara Coburn launched into a lengthy speil about Ratners, then broke into giggles.

### Back to school

IT IS back to the blackboard at Texaco, which signed a pioneering deal with City University Business School yesterday to provide extra staff tuition. Middle and senior management can do a one-day course to a postgraduate diploma in Management or a Flexible Masters degree.

### Still temping

EMBARRASSMENT for Brook Street, the UK's first temporary employment agency, which celebrated its 50th anniversary yesterday. Party preparations were going to plan, after a team had spent weeks tracking down Brook Street temps from the Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, Eighties and Nineties. Mock desks were set up at Claridge's Hotel for local radio and TV crews to interview the girls who helped to make history. But where was the shoulderpadded girl of the Eightics? - at a job elsewhere, double-booked by Brook

MORAG PRESTON

# How Labour might try to transform the economy

It will be tempted to pursue policies designed to change the way business

works, says Anatole Kaletsky

The days are long gone when socialists believed that capitalism exists to expropriate the justly earned fruits of labour. But today's Labour Party has found new reasons to distrust British capitalism that have nothing to do with Karl Marx. It is an article of faith among Labour leaders that the poor performance of the British economy in the postwar era can be blamed largely on the culture of British business.

British businessmen and financiers are felt to have failed the nation - by not investing, by failing to train their workers, by avoiding taxes, by lining their pockets with share options, by refusing to co-operate with government, and by concentrating on stock market prices instead of taking a longterm view. These defects, no longer attributed to capitalism in general, are now blamed on capitalism's specifically British form.

The righteous indignation about a business community that has helped itself but betrayed Britain is fully expounded in Will Hutton's bestselling book. The State We're In. No Labour leader would publicly (or even privately) go nearly as far as Mr Hutton. But the sense of frustration, tinged with anger, about the short-sighted attitudes of British business. breaks out regularly even in the speeches of Tony Blair and Gordon

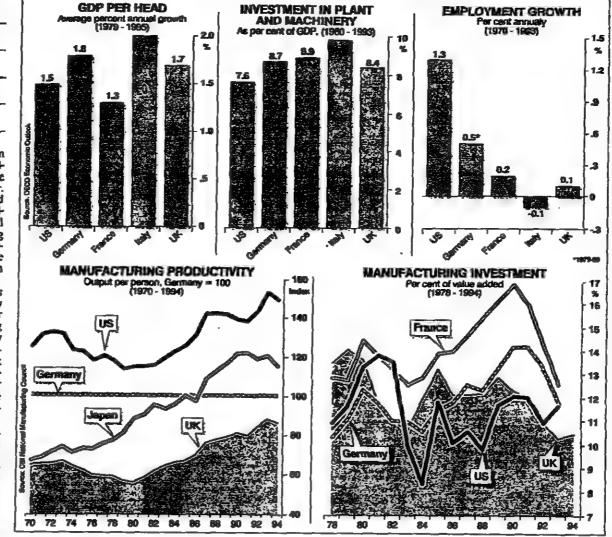
The British economy could clearly have done much better than it did in the 1980s. But there is little evidence that our underperformance was due to low investment, short-termism or the other items on Labour's charge-sheet (the charts illustrate a few of the relevant facts).

How, then could Britain's performance have been improved? I believe that the main answer lies in better demand management and exchange-rate policy; if the last recession had been avoided. Britain would have shot from near the bottom to the top of the European job-creation league. Labour. however, accepts the present day conventional wisdom: the key to faster growth is in "structural" policies on Infrastructure, tax and financial structures, corporate governance, "long-termism" and labour market reform.

To transform the British economy's performance it will therefore be tempted to pursue a host of policies designed to change the way British business and financial markets work. One article can hardly begin to discuss the many measures that Labour spokesmen have put forward (a remarkably comprehensive summary can be found in a 70page booklet called Doing Business With Blair by Burson-Marsteller Gov-

erriment Affairs). Instead, I will look at the four questions chosen by Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, in his major speech on Labour two months ago to focus businessmen's concerns. What business needed to know above Labour stood on four broad issues: inflation, taxes, employment laws and corporate governance. Here, then, is

what can be said about Labour's plans. On inflation, the apparent lack of clarity is not really much of a problem. Mr Brown has not announced a formal inflation target, but, in practice, he will stick to something very similar to the present 2.5 per cent as I suggested in



IS THE BRITISH ECONOMY REALLY FAILING?

my article on Monday on Labour's macroeconomic policy. The real uncertainty is what the Chancellor will do if unexpected pressures push the economy off the targeted course. This question applies in principle to every government - and the lack of pragmatism the Treasury has shown in following various arbitrary targets over the past 17 years does not augur well, whether Labour or Tories are in

Surprisingly, however, Labour may have an easier time than expected in keeping inflation down. It would have an option that did not exist for past Labour governments and which for the Tories is effectively foreclosed. This would be to join the

European single currency. I have no idea whether Labor will and neither, I believe, does Mr Blair. But the very fact that this horizon should help Labour to avoid the kind of currency crises that have so often undone Labour governments in the past. Indeed, the greater danger for Labour well be a pound that is too strong,

rather than too weak. Now what about taxes? As I explained on Monday the top rate of tax will almost certainly be 50 per cent. However, the critical question of where the new tax will bite remains unsettled - and until this is announced. Labour can have little hope of winning the business commu-nity's trust, still less its active support. The other predictable tax measure is the windfall tax on the water and electricity industries, accompanied by a drastic tightening of the regulatory regime. Again, however, it is the level of the new tax that is all important and nobody seems to have any idea about this, including Mr Brown. Other tax reforms are even more

uncertain. The good news for investors is that Mr Brown is "attracted" to reforming capital gains tax. Assets held for longer than, say, five years could be taxed at only 20 per cent.

If Mr Brown announced this change before the election he would go a long way to appeasing businessmen hit by the new 50 per cent rate. Indeed, my impression is that many would happily accept slightly higher income tax in exchange for some relief from the hated CGT. The bad news is that Labour is likely to tighten the inheritance tax

Potentially, the most important reform for companies, and certainly for their accountants, will be a study on

whether the corporation-tax system is biased in favour of dividends and against ameni Irom retained earnings. Even more controversial could be Mr Brown's plan to combat tax avoidance by taking powers to "look behind the legal form of tax arrangements" and apply the spirit, rather than the letter, of the revenue laws. Both tax and constitu-

tional lawyers can look forward to a good living from that. Turning to labour markets, the outlines of policy are again quite clear, but the crucial details are missing. Labour will implement a national minimum wage, in spite of the opposition of most economists, as well as employers. But whether the NMW means anything or nothing will depend entirely on the level at which it is set. At the Spanish level of £1.80p an hour it would be an irrelevance; at the Belgian level of £5.70p, it would be a catastrophe, and the outcome could be anything in

The same could be true of Labour's allegiance to the social chapter. Mr Blair has said that he has "no intention

of agreeing to everything that emerges from the EU". But he knows perfectly well that parts of the social chapter are subject to majority voting — and that other EU countries are pressing to extend majority voting to issues such as social security charges and worker representation. Would a Labour government block any such extension? Mr Blair has remained resolutely silent.

These issues arouse deep passions, but how much do they matter in the great scheme of things? To judge by the relative records of job creation in Britain and Europe, there is no convincing evidence that a small dollop of German-style regulation would have

much effect one way or the other. What, finally, about the broader idea of creating a "stakeholder economy" on the German model? Although certain changes in corporate governance are likely — particularly a tightening in the takeover laws - Mr Blair has become much cooler about the "stakeholder" concept since he delivered his famous

speech in Singapore. Perhaps he has been swayed by industry arguments that it is up to elected politicians, not company directors, to establish the social constraints on profit-maximising behaviour. Perhaps he has noticed that in Germany stakeholding behaviour seems to be going out of style. Or perhaps he has simply realised that Britain and Germany are different countries, with different political traditions, different business cultures and different skills.

British businesses may be less longtermist, but perhaps they are more opportunistic. British workers may be less disciplined, but more flexible. British managers may be less thorough, but more innovative.

In a world of free trade and global competition, countries can thrive by being different and specialising in what they do well. These are the arguments that business must urgently get across to Mr Blair.

Tomorrow: Europe, politics and the "quality of life"

# The balance of power lies in the hands of Lang

Christine Buckley on the ramifications of yesterday's declaration by Southern

t is now clear, looking back on the tidal wave of L bids that swept through the electricity industry last year, that the show had only just begun. After yesterday's declaration from Southern, the US utility, the industry is now staring at the prospect of consolidation on a massive scale. The move of Britain's largest generator into American hands, with potentially the amalgamation of Southern Electric, the UK regional company, would create a completely new ball game in the privatised electricity industry. And it would be one which the electricity regulator

referee properly. The prospect must weigh heavy on the mind of lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, as he prepares his decision on bids by the two main UK generators for re-gional electricity companies (Recs) and thus the acceptability of vertical integration in the industry. If he ratifies vertical integration, Southern will make its move on National Power either with the

would find impossible to

intention of buying Southern Electric too or combining supply and generation via South Western Electricity, which the US company already owns. Mr Lang's time is short and the concern that the industry is fast careering away from the aims of privatisation is

pressing. The

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tion to force down prices. Certainly, the businesses are shadows of their former selves, with the industry having shed more than 43,000 jobs. But the proportion of those efficiencies passed to consumers rather than shareholders is slight. Profits have risen substantially while the price of electricity to the consumer, aided by a pricing control from the regulator which is widely held as lenient, has fallen modestly. Much criticism is directed at the largest generators' dominance of the electricity pool the wholesale market for power. While fuel prices have fallen considerably since 1990, the price of electricity

has been slow to follow. The framework for transformation sculpted six years ago was shattered last year when the golden shares held by the Government in Recs lapsed. Those nominal shares restricted holdings in - and thus takeovers of - the Recs. Their expiry after five years fuelled a bid frenzy that is still resonating and is reshaping the industry beyond

Over the past year, two patterns have emerged. The first - embraced by the water companies North West and Welsh — is for multi-utilities.

companies adopting the principles of super utilities with

various strategic tie-ups. The second pattern is the more worrying one for regulation of the industry. Vertical integration - the merger of generating and distribution companies - began with ScottishPower's takeover of Manweb, the Rec based in the North-West. If Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report leaks prove correct, it is about to continue, with National Power and PowerGen, the country's largest generators, being allowed to bid for Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity. The MMC is believed to have recommended the bids, with a range of provisions. The decision rests with the Department of Trade and

industry (DTI).
Of all the bids for the 12 Recs, and just three have not received approaches, the moves by the generators have caused the most consternation. It is arguable that ScottishPower, one of Scotland's two integrated companies

which operate as a duopoly in their market divorced from the rest of the UK, created a precedent of vertical integration with its takeover of Manweb. But when Power-Gen made its approach for Midlands and National Power moved on Southern, the fears of a reduction in competition and in the transparency

of operations

pieces six years ago to benefit Littlechild, the electricity regcustomers through competi- ulator, were echoed by regional companies.

Professor Littlechild called for a referral to the MMC of the Scottish Power bid, but his concerns were ignored. Further down the line, and with the greater influence on the market of the English generators, they were heeded. Critics complained that with competition in household electricity supply only two years away, the generators, already able to command huge sway over the electricity pool price, would jump out of bounds if they had their own Recs to which to supply power and through which to reach the domestic market.

The concerns triggered by the UK generators bids can only be augmented by an overseas company bidding for a generator. The fact that that company owns a Rec with a strong gas division and is also believed to be interested in water presents a regulator's nightmare. The Government still has a

golden share to restrict holdings in UK generators. Southern clearly does not believe that it is wedded to it and the DTI has said it would consider whether to exercise its power on individual merits.

Mr Lang may well move on to that difficult decision after the one he is about to make in

### Speculative activity disrupting building societies' business operations

**Building Societies Association** Sir, The "flood of speculative money" coming in to building societies to which you refer (Mammon's stakeholders massacre the mutuals; April 15) shows no sign of ebbing. It has breached the gates of almost all societies - regardless of their size and notwithstanding the often repeated commitment to independence and mutual status by many of

This speculative activity has seriously disrupted the normal business operations of

vices they provide to bona fide investors and borrowers. It has overstretched counter resources at many branch offices — resulting in long queues and even in some instances closed doors - and overloaded processing sys-tems. The bizarre consequences of this activity is that the industry now has a significant proportion of "members" whose sole intention is to vote their societies out of existence, given the chance.

To stem the flood, some societies have set minimum investments for new savings building societies and the ser- accounts; others are now

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opening only deposit accounts. Understandable though these building society membership to the privilege of a select caste - of those able to afford it or fortunate enough to have got on to the members' register in time. This is completely at odds with the intentions of the 1986 Act and with societies' historic commitment to all savers and homeowners. whatever their means. Building societies, like

banks, are commercial organisations. With its capital advantage and low cost base, the industry can, however, continmortgage markets and to meet the challenges of a changed employment market and a retracting welfare state. But to do this we must have stable operating conditions and a framework which enables us to restructure as an industry. The need for re-addressing the provisions made for this by the 1986 Act grows stronger by the week. Yours faithfully,

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K. CULLEY, Chairman, The Building Societies Association,

sionally suggested a reform of

throughout our report. In our view, it is unfair to shift the section 310 of the Companies Act 1985 which, allied with a clarification of the operation of the Unfair Contract Terms Act

> contractural disclaimer). the cause of fair and sensible

law reform. Yours sincerely, ANDREW BURROWS. Law Commission. Theobalds Road, WCl.

### Not quite crystal clear at NatWest

From D. M. Penton Sir, I have just received the NatWest Group's annual report, which proudly boasts that "We are very pleased that the sections marked (symbol of a crystal) on the list of contents have earned the Crystal Mark from the Plain English Campaign. This means that the wording has reached a standard of clarity that is appropriate for the intended audience".

Of the 30 items on the list of contents, the mark does not appear against the following: financial highlights, results of principal businesses, auditor's statement summary consolidated profit and loss account. summary consolidated balance sheet and notes to the summary financial statement.

Surely these are precisely the items on which the shareholder would wish to have an appropriate standard of clarity. Or is this just a subtle way of telling us to read these sections with caution? Yours faithfully.

D. M. PENTON. 2 Ullswater Road, Barnes, SW13.

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NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DUSINGS TO AUREY NATIONAL PLC RESULT OF MINARRY VOTE

National and Provincial Building Society hereby gives Notice to all members of the Society that the result of the vote on the Saving Members' Special Resolution and on the Borrowing Members' Resolution moved at the Special General Meeting of the members of the Society held at NYNEX arena Manchester on 11 April 1996 is as follows:

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The votes cast in favour of the resolution represent 96.2% of the total votes cast compared with the 75% majority required, and 79.8% of the members qualified to vote, compared with the 50% required. The resolution has accordingly been passed.

Borrowing Members' Resolution Votes in favour

Votes against The votes cast in favour of the resolution represent 95.7% of the

total votes cast compared with the simple majority required. The resolution has accordingly been passed. Issued by Authority of the Directors R. Keith Marker

Secretary



18 April 1996

Liability lecture

From Professor Andrew

Sir, It was with surprise that I read Robert Bruce's account (Audit, March 28) of my lecture at Deloitte & Touche on joint and several liability. My first reaction was that I must have attended a different gathering, as neither his account of the material I presented nor of the reactions of audience members, bore much resemblance to my recollection of what was a singularly goodhumoured and constructive

In line with the Common Law Team of the Law Commission's recent report on the central issue addressed

sultation paper by the DTI). my lecture set out numerous reasons of both principle and policy why, in our view, a replacement of joint and several liability by proportionate liability would not be appropriate. The subject is a complex one, and our report ran to 78 pages, with extensive discussion of developments in many other common law jurisdictions, the majority of which have chosen not to abandon joint and several

liability. It is a nonsense to suggest that we had no concern for whether the law is fair or not. On the contrary, this was the

risk of a defendant's insolvency from the other defendant(s) to the blameless plaintiff. And it is misleading to say, as is sometimes said, that "defendants can be called on to provide 100 per cent of damages even though they are only i per cent at fault : as a matter of causation and blameworthiness relative to the plaintiff. joint and several liability follows from each defendant being 100 per cent responsible for

the whole of the plaintiff's loss. Nor is Robert Bruce accurate to imply that we advocated nothing to ease the liability problems faced by accountants. For example, we provi-

1977, would enable auditors reasonably to limit their liability by means of the contractural term (or a non-While we welcome constructive criticism of our arguments, Robert Bruce's comments do not, in my view, help

Conquest House. 37/38 John Street.

# Oil industry faces £64m payout and clean-up bill over Sea Empress

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE environmental and economic cost of the Sea Empress disaster at Milford Haven two months ago could be as high as £64 million, according to the oil industry.

Clean-up expenses have been estimated at between \$11 million and £16 million, while the compensation paid to fishermen and the tourist industry has been set at between £34 million and E48 million by the

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company had set a target of Fr4 billion and the shortfall

reflected the effects of strikes

in France, which had cost the

In the current year, the

company expected to incur a

net loss of FrH5 million, which

would be slightly short of its

target, on total sales of Fr41.3

billion and a gross operating profit of Fr5 billion.

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However, Skuld, the ship's Norwegian insurers, said its early guess at the cost of the spill was about £40 million. Under maritime insurance regulations, Skuld pays for the first £8 million compensation and the IOPC picks up the next \$49 million.

The IOPC said yesterday it had decided to pay 75 per cent of its \$49 million fund to local people with proven claims. The remaining £122 million will be held back in case claims are greater than originally calculated.

The IOPC wants to avoid similar problems to those experienced after the Braer tanker disaster in Shetland in 1993. There was a flurry of claims just before the end of the three-year submission deadline, and Skuld, which also insured the Braer, gave a warning that there might not be enough money to satisfy all

lion compensation fund available for victims of the Sea Empress disaster, after which the IOPC will meet proven

Mans Jacobsson, manag-ing director of the IOPC, urged fishermen to submit claims as early as possible. "We can make running payments of up to 75 per cent of the funds available to

fishermen who have been

banned from fishing in the

know until July and August whether the oil spill has had a serious effect on the region's tourism industry.

ven," he said. "Many will be

unable to make a final claim

because they do not know how

long the ban will stay in place.

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The IOPC, which meets

again in June, says it will not

regularly reviewed."

We have only anecdotal evidence for the tourist trade

"Some reports have said most people came only on day-trips. while others in the industry say trade was better than they had expected."

Mr Thorp said payments to claimants would be assessed "on an individual basis". He added: "We will pay out up to 75 per cent of our funds, but if a claimant can demonstrate that they require more than that, we will look at the possibility of increasing the payment.

### **Profits fall** 58% as Ford gets off to a slow start

FROM AP IN DEARBORN

PROFITS at Ford Motor Company fell 58 per cent in the first quarter on slower vehicle sales and high costs of introducing redesigned models.

America's second-largest motor manufacturer earned \$653 million in the first three to \$1.55 billion in the same period last year.

Revenues were up 4 per cent to \$36.3 billion, partly because of a strong showing by Ford's financial services operation.

On Tuesday, Chrysler Corporation reported that profits had more than doubled in the first quarter on strong sales of high-profit minivans and light

While Ford's profits were down sharply, they exceeded the 33 cents per share that Wall Street analysts expected. Alex Trotman, Ford's chairman and chief executive, said

the company's cost-cutting efforts will soon begin to pay off. He also said that redesigned models such as the Fiesta and F-Series pickup truck leave the company with a stronger product line.

Ford's total worldwide vehicle sales fell 7.5 per cent to 1.6 million units, and its US sales declined 13.5 per cent to 940,000. The company's mar-ket share in the US declined to 25.8 per cent from 26.6 per cent in the first quarter of 1995.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Receivers to Meltis make 190 redundant

RECEIVERS to Meltis, the ailing confectionery company, have announced 190 redundancies, leaving just 20 staff stall employed at the Bedford factory. The latest job losses are an addition to the 100 redundancies announced before the appointment of receivers on Tuesday.

Stephen James, of KPMG, the administrative received said: "I am optimistic that the brand name of Mehis will rail." disappear. I have already had several inquiries from interested parties. However, the company itself is unlikely to survive. The redundancies were announced after an evening of meetings with management to establish the firms financial position. About 100 employees were already and redundancy nonce prior to the appointment of receivers. Meltis, whose sales were £15 million in its last financial year. is owned by Pengkalen (UK), a South-East Asian conglomer ate. The company makes the New Berry Fruits selections ginger, orange and lemon slices, and Turkish delight.

### France buys bank stake

THE French state is to take over a total holding of 21.53 percent, owned by the Thomson electronics group, in the troubled Credit Lyonnais bank, it was announced yesterday. The price will be about Fr3.34 billion. The transfer is expected to take place when Thomson is privatised and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Thomson plans to make a total provision of Fr2.08 billion against a fall in the value of Credit Lyonnais shares and investment certification. value of Credit Lyonnais shares and investment certificates.
The near collapse and recapitalisation of Credit Lyonnais have hurt the results of Thomson in the past two years.

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SHARPE & FISHER, the building supplies company based. in Cheltenham, is acquiring Goodlands, a builder's merchant with branches in Wiltshire. Somerset and Devon. for £2.57 million in cash and shares, Goodlands carned-operating profits of £313,000 on sales of £11.9 million lass year. Net assets were £78.000 at December 31, 1995. The acquisition lifts the total number of Sharpe & Fisher branches to 32 William Otley, the chairman of Goodlands and a former finance director of UBM, the builder's merchant, will join the board of Sharpe & Fisher.

### **Kwik-Fit expands**

KWIK-FIT has added another 45 outlets by buying three tyre and exhaust companies for £12.3 million. Autospeed Tyre & Exhaust Centres, Bristol, Ebley Tyre Services, Gloucester, and the assets and business of Manor Tyre Group. Bristol, have combined annual turnover of £20 million and earned profits of £1.2 million before tax and directors' salaries in the last financial year. The consideration was met by E7.1 million cash and £5.2 million in unsecured loan notes. The purchases lift the number of Kwik-Fit outlets to 836.

### **Dowty wins US order**

DOWTY AEROSPACE, a division of TI Group, the specialised engineering company, has won a \$10 million contract from Mesaba Airlines, the US regional carrier, to supply propeller systems for 50 Saab 340 aircraft. The order: covers 30 new 340B Plus aircraft and 20 used 340As. Mesaba has an option on a further 22 aircraft. With more than 250 Saab 340 aircraft in service with Dowty propellers, the value of Dowty's contribution to the 340 programme to date is more.



Hyperspace: the price of Planet Hollywood is expected to rocket when the shares are offered tomorrow

# Planet Hollywood into orbit

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

PLANET HOLLYWOOD. the restaurant chain that boasts leading film stars among its investors, has responded to feverish investor demand by sharply lifting the price range for this week's share offering

They will be priced today at

about \$18 each. \$4 more than expected. The rise values the 22-restaurant chain, which includes one in London, at \$1.9 billion. 95 times earnings based on its 1995 profits of \$20.7 million. Last year was the first in which the company has been in the black since it

was founded in 1992. The rating reflects the nearhysteria surrounding the is-

sue of 11.6 per cent of the shares. However, the excitement has fed on itself, with many buyers simply hoping to make a quick killing on the expected price rise when the shares start trading tomorrow before selling out.

The issue will value the stakes held by the co-founders at about \$300 million each. One of the founders is Robert

Earl, the British entrepreneur who founded the Hard Rock Café but was forced out in 1992. Hollywood stars. such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, who have lent their names to the restaurant, stand to gain up to \$20 million each.

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### ACCOUNTANCY

# Fill the gap in accounts

**Robert Langford** on the continuing

need to cut red tape and reduce

the burden on smaller companies

ecounting standards are wasting people's time and energy. Who says so? Accountants.

We continue to make unnecessary calls on the time of owners of small businesses." Brian Shearer, a member of the financial reporting com-mittee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, says, "We are also wasting the time of those skilled people who assist in preparing accounts, people who could much better be employed helping their clients to become more efficient."

Mr Shearer, a partner in Grant Thornton, the accountancy firm, has helped to pen an official response to proposals for a big change in the accounting demands on small companies. If the institute has its way, the majority will soon find themselves subject to a kindlier, less demanding financial reporting regime. The more complex big business has become, so the tighter and more demanding accounting standards have been drawn.

Quite rightly, the Accounting Standards Board has focused on those aspects of financial reporting to which the public pays most attention. it's quite right that it should safeguard public confidence in the financial reporting system in this way." Mr Shearer says. The problem is that often the

Votes for all

at the ICA?

THE English ICA has always

thought itself a bit of a cut

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fied Accountants. For one

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issues tackled are not those likely to impinge too much on the everyday existence of the average family company, or to interest the users of its annual accounts. Hence the "big GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) little GAAP debate - whether standards should, as is generally the case now, apply equally across the board, no matter what the size of company. in reality, the argument has

long since been settled. Both accounting standards and Companies Act reporting and auditing rules allow some disclosure concessions based principally on size. Last year the Government

ignalied its intention to take the process further when it published a discussion paper. Accounting Simplifications. This contained 50 possible detailed small and mediumsized company reporting simplifications. It also proposed a jump in the turnover threshold of a small company from \$2.8 million to £4.2 million.

Even before this, a working party advising the ASB on criteria for exempting small compunies from its standards had published tentative conclusions. These were that of 34 standards and abstracts in force, only six should apply to companies falling within the Companies Act definition of small. Reaction was 60:0 in

nered the ten signatures re-

quired to put a motion down at

the institute's next annual

meeting. On June 4. the insti-

tute will have to vote on

whether to extend the constitu-

ency which elects each new

president from that of the

council to the whole member-

ship. The shame of it.



Robert Langford wants smaller company account changes

favour. Although the institute said there was a need for change, it did not agree with the bludgeoning impact of dispensing with more than SO per cent of small company reporting requirements.

Last December a revised paper from the advisory group. Designed to Fit - A Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entitites, conceded that "the piecemeal application of particular stan-

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

tered Institute of Taxation was

over and done with? Bob

Dommett, secretary-general of

the latter, runs in the London

Marathon this weekend. And

this week should have been

one of careful training and

diet to bring the man to the

starting line in the peak of fit-

ness. So what did the English

ICA do? It held its annual din-

ner on Monday, to which it in-

vited fellow institute

dignituries. Dommett manful-

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dards to small companies is a flawed approach". Its alternative was "a specific financial reporting standard to meet the

The FRSSE (financial reporting standard for smaller entities) had been born. In draft form it is a "one stop" document summarising the financial reporting rules and simplifying the disclosure requirements placed on small by accounting

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THE Inland Revenue sees tur-

bulent times ahead. There is a

new chairman of the technical

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ICA's tax faculty. Ever since

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arbitrarily, that some stan-dards would apply totally and the others not at all, the working party has adopted a Mr Shearer and others on his committee have told the

standards. Instead of saying

working party that its new proposals provide a "satisfac-tory and workable solution" to the small companies reporting dilemma. "Our focus is on trying to improve the level of communication by curting out a lot that is irritating to both preparers and users because it serves nobody," he says.

wen trues small company rules will not change the way will not change the way profits are calculated - an important point, says Mr Shearer — a FRSSE will serve another purpose. It will remind all involved that there is already a qualitative difference between small, medium-sized, large and listed company accounts. Different disclosure

rules already apply to each. That is something that is useful to flag. Mr Shearer says. The institute is now keen for the ASB to act on the recommendations by publishing a FRSSE.

At first sight, this might not appear to fit in with the standard-setter's big company priorities. But once smaller companies have been taken out of the equation, the move would free it to harden up still further on the reporting demands it makes on larger concerns.

The author is head of financial reporting at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and

the faculty's foundation in 1991, the urhane figure of Adam Broke has chaired the committee. Now he is stepping down and his replacement is to be none other than Robert Maas, of Blackstone Franks, Maas is noted for his forthright and outspoken methods conveying discontent with the tax system to the inland Revenue. It will be interesting to see who the Revenue prefers in its dealing with the profession: the elegant rapier of Broke or the weighty blud-

geon of Maus?

# Spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar

ROBERT

BRUCE

OUR finest food scientists find their direction of work changed by it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer blames it for the overshoot in the PSBR. And pigeon-fanciers turn apoplectic at its mention. For a tax which seems so innocuous, value-added tax (VAT) has a lot to

The food angle should come as no surprise. VAT experts have argued lengthily over the years about such vital issues as whether a Jaffa cake is a biscuit or a cake, or whether hazelnuts are snacks or nuts. All this nonsense has a great effect. The key to whether something is a snack or a food and thus zerorated can simply be whether or not it swells in its manufacture. On that basis, the humble crisp attracts VAT and a corn chip does not. This is important. Two similar products stand side-by-side on the supermarket shelves. To the public they are very similar. To the retailer there is a 17.5 per cent differential built into the margin. It is no wonder that the work of food scientists is geared not

towards finding a more nutritious snack but towards finding one that can be made without attracting VAT. But the importance of VAT enormous. Hence the Chancellor's irritation over a

shortfall in tax receipts. mostly from VAT, which means that the PSBR is larger than he would like. and certainly larger than that which might guarantee a margin for further tax cuts in a pre-election period. But he has only himself

and previous Conservative Chancellors to blame. In 1972 Anthony Barber, then Chancelior, announced, in one of those soundbites which reverberate down the years, that "Britain will have the simplest VAT in all of Europe". He then

took a decision that ensured that this could not happen. He gave the responsibility for the tax's administration to Customs and Excise rather than to the Inland Revenue.

There were good reasons for the decision. VAT was seen as the successor to the old purchase tax and that had come under the aegis of Customs. Also the Inland Revenue was in a state of tattered nerves, to put it mildly. In 1965, under the Labour Government of Harold Wilson, it had introduced two new taxes. These were capital gains tax and corporation tax and involved an enormous amount of work. At the same time, marginal tax rates were running in some cases at 98 per cent of income. By the time Barber wanted to introduce VAT in 1972 the Inland Revenue was exhausted and the last thing it wanted was to take on the introduction of a new tax that was likely to change taxation systems profoundly. Customs and

Excise got the job. And it is that decision that now rebounds on the Chancellor. If VAT had been integrated into the tax mainstream from the very start, the way in which it has grown would have been very different. And it would also be policed by a tax authority which was used to the intricate business of dealing with complex tax laws and tax practitioners.

The Chancellor has also dug the hole in which he finds himself somewhat deeper by his own efforts. If my grandmother was still around, she should be laying down the law about spoiling the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar. In a succession of finance initiatives, the collection and administration of VAT has been starved of expertise at both ends of the

At the small business end there used to be a system that provided greater help to those entering the VAT net for the first time. Small companies used to be guaranteed a visit from a VAT inspector during the first six months of their entering the VAT net. They might not

have enjoyed the experience. but it did set them on the straight and narrow very early on in the VAT regime. But now budgets for VAT inspectors have been pared to the bone. Now a new business will have a visit within the first three years of operation, if it is lucky, within the first six years, if it

If the way that a business is accounting for VAT is incorrect then, over six years, an enormous amount of administrative chaos can build up. To say nothing of possibility of

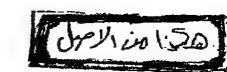
underpayments. And, at the other end of the spectrum the Chancellor's own actions have worsened

his position. The Treasury argument is that large VAT repayments are taking their toll on the nation's tax receipts and that much of this is down to extremely sharp VAT experts in the accountancy firms advising on highly effective tax planning strategies for clients. Many of these experts are gamekeepers turned poachers. They came from Customs and Excise in the first place. And they moved into the private sector because they could earn more there.

The answer would be to hire some back. Or take bright accountants in on something like a five-year contract. Then, expert could battle with expert on something approaching equal terms. But the Treasury now, like so much of UK business, has a cost-cutting culture. Cash to match private-sector salaries does not exist.

If the Chancellor wants to bring in more cash from the weird and wonderful world of VAT. then he should hark back to one of the basics of business: no investment, no returns.

### mounting. But now Moorgate Marathon meal Place will have to cat humble WHO said the rivalry between pte. The eccentric accountancy tutor, Jeff Wooler, has garthe English ICA and the Char-



# Confidence grows at Smiths Industries

good increases in profit and

strike at Boeing last autumn, it

will benefit from substantial

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crease the output of 737s from

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increased profits to EI7.2 mil-

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million, on slightly reduced sales of £171.4 million.

The medical companies in-

creased their contribution from £26.3 million to £31.6

million. Sir Roger highlighted

the export success of Portex, a

manufacturer of medical tubes, and a good perfor-mance from Deltec, which

makes infusion pumps.

The industrial group, which includes Vent-Axia ventilation

business, increased profits to £21.6 million from £16.2

tions to add to the £300 million

of purchases it has made in the

Smiths is looking for a

take over from Sir Roger, who is 58 this summer and due to

retire at 60. He would not be

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Lindh, who recently took over the running of the industrial

companies, was a potential

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In the six months to Febru-

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SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the aerospace and medical instruments group headed by Sir Roger Hurn, has continued its strong progress with a 19 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £69.5

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Smiths, which recently joined the FT-SE 100 index of Britain's leading companies, reported improved profits and margins in each of its aerospace, medical and in-dustrial divisions.

Sir Roger, chairman and chief executive, said: The outlook for all three business groups remains strong and gives me confidence that Smiths Industries will continue to grow and to produce

### **ASB looks** at asset valuations

By Graham Searjeant PINUNCIAL IENTOR

COMPANIES would have to write down assets if their worth fell below their balance sheet value even if the directors thought the fall might be temporary, under prorules. The change, if approved, would end the practice whereby companles revalue properties upwards in good times but

ate property market falls.

Companies would not need to adjust the balance sheet values of their own factories and offices for a full in the property market if the business they are able profits. This should relieve companies from making constant revalua-

in property markets. Impairment of Tangi ble Fixed Assets, the latest discussion document from the Accounting Standards Board, also suggests a new way of estimating the net present value of assets in use, if companies fear that the market value of an asset is less than shown in the balance sheet. This would be based on discounting estimated future cash flows, as in the board's separate proposals

for valuing goodwill.

Assets would only be written down if they were in the balance sheet at more than the greater of "present value" and their "net recoverable value". The latter may be less than the crude market value if selling it involves costs such as re-

dundancy payments.

Under the proposals, writedowns for impairment need only be charged as losses if the updated valuation is lower than the asset's depreciated historic costs.



Sir Roger Hurn says the outlook for Smiths Industries, which reported interim pre-tax profits 19 per cent up at £69.5 million, remains strong

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lr£386,000 to lr£200,000.

Earnings rose to Ir3.67p (Ir2.4p). An Ir1p final dividend

makes 1r1.5p (1r1.25p).

# Irish business boom lifts Ryan Hotels to Ir£2.8m

BY PRASER NELSON

THE boom in business trips to Ireland, after the IRA ceasefire, has boosted annual pre-tax profits at Ryan Hotels by 43 per cent to a record br 2.79 million.

Smiths is paying an interim dividend of 5.6p, an II per cent increase. Earnings were 17 per Corporate custom grew sharply last year, as the Dublin group increased the overall cent ahead at 15.4p a share. number of high-yielding exec-Sir Roger said Smiths was utive suites by !! per cent to still pursuing fill-in acquisicater for the business market.

Higher yields were also achieved by Ryan's hotels at Galway and Killarney, where the Ir£28 million spent on their leisure centres has comprospective chief executive to manded higher room prices. Its hotels in Amsterdam, Brussels and Hamburg all increased their profits, but were overshadowed by Ryan's strong Irish portfolio.

Room occupation was down 2 per cent to 74 per cent, but Connor McCarthy, chairman, move upmarket. "Our business mix is changing and this drop in occupancy has been more than compensated by the jump in yield," he said. Turn-over had jumped 25 per cent in its Dublin hotel.

"Since the ceasefire, the demand for rooms has been staggering," he said. "It's almost impossible to book a flight to London from Ireland nowadays, and as long as this kind of demand continues, our business rooms will keep on performing." Since the IRA ceasefire, business trips to Ireland from the UK have jumped 25 per cent. This has shown few signs of slowing since the IRA's Docklands bomb. Next month, Aer Ling-us is laying on a further 33 London-Dublin flights a week.

Mr McCarthy said he was confident that this momentum

WH SMITH, the retail chain, has invited advertising agenend of the ceasefire. "After the cies to pitch for its advertising bomb, the phones stopped

then it was back to normal," he said. "I don't see this changing; economic activity in Ireland is growing by 6 per cent per annum and our business will grow with it." Ryan's gearing, which hit profits in the past, fell 4 points to 40 per cent, while cash assets almost halved from

on advertising over the past year. The company, which

### Control of Trafalgar passes to Kvaerner

KVAERNER, the Norwe and shipbuilding group, will today take control of the day-to-day manage-ment of Trafalgar House, the British shipping and construction conglomerate.

Eric Tonseth, president of Kvaerner, said it would take three to four weeks to complete a reorganisation of the management of Trafaigar House.

He added: "We now want to start co-ordinating operations to make a stronger and more powerful Kvaerner. At the same time, we will sell the assets that we do not want to keep." Although Kvaerner has not given precise de-tails of likely divestments, it is believed to be seeking a buyer for Cunard, Trafalgar's troubled cruise line whose vessels include Queen Elizabeth 2.

The takeover of Trafal-gar was declared unconditional yesterday, with acceptances received in respect of more than 90 per cent of the ordinary shares and almost 95 per cent of the preference shares. Competition authorities in Europe and America have given their consent.

Kvaerner's cash offer for Trafalgar House, which was recommended by the Trafalgar board, was worth about £904 million, but the company will also assume Trafalgar's substantial debts.

Hongkong Land, Tra-falgar House's main shareholder, gave its consent in respect of its 25.8

per cent shareholding. Kvaerner has yet to declare what is to be the fate of its 26.1 per cent holding in Amec, the British englneering conglomerate, the legacy of a failed takeover late last year.

# Savings products boost new business at Pru

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

PRUDENTIAL'S sale of regular premium pension products fell 8 per cent to £24 million in the first quarter of the year, but the popularity of the company's

The UK's largest insurer said savers had switched their cash from building societies and single contribution products in the UK increased 34 per cent to £866 million, the highest quarterly level for more than two years. Sales of regular contribution products were £71 million (1995: £74 million).

The Prudential said growth in single premium new busi-ness was driven by increased sales of annuities and nonlinked savings products, in particular Prudence Bond and Prudence Savings Account. Sales of personal equity plans rose 67 per cent. These areas are to be the focus of future marketing and sales activities.

Sales of annual premiur life and pension products fell 6 per cent to E59 million. Proacquisition, and Mr Nowell said it was looking at a number of areas of suitable business. These are believed to include building societies and

Single premium sales at Jackson National Life, Prudential's American subsidiary, totalled \$633 million down 22 per cent on 1995's record first quarter, but up 38 1995. At Prudential Asia, annual premium sales rose 20 per cent to £18 million.

At Mercantile & General Prudential's reinsurance sub firm at £15 million and £159

### WH Smith invites agencies to pitch has diversified beyond its core stationery and book business. has seen profits squeezed recently by the expansion of

business. A decision is expected within two weeks.

Among those hoping to replace Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), which stood down as WH Smith's agency in February, are believed to be Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO, BMP DDB Needham, Duckworth Firm Grubb Waters and Saatchi & Saatchi, the Cordiant subsidiary.

WH Smith is estimated to have spent about £11 million

by sluggish consumer de-Bartle Bogle Hegarty's first work for WH Smith in 1992 took the form of a press and poster campaign with the catchline We don't sell ... This was later replaced with the gentler line, There's more to life with WH Smith. The media planning account is

expected to remain with the

media affiliate of BBH.

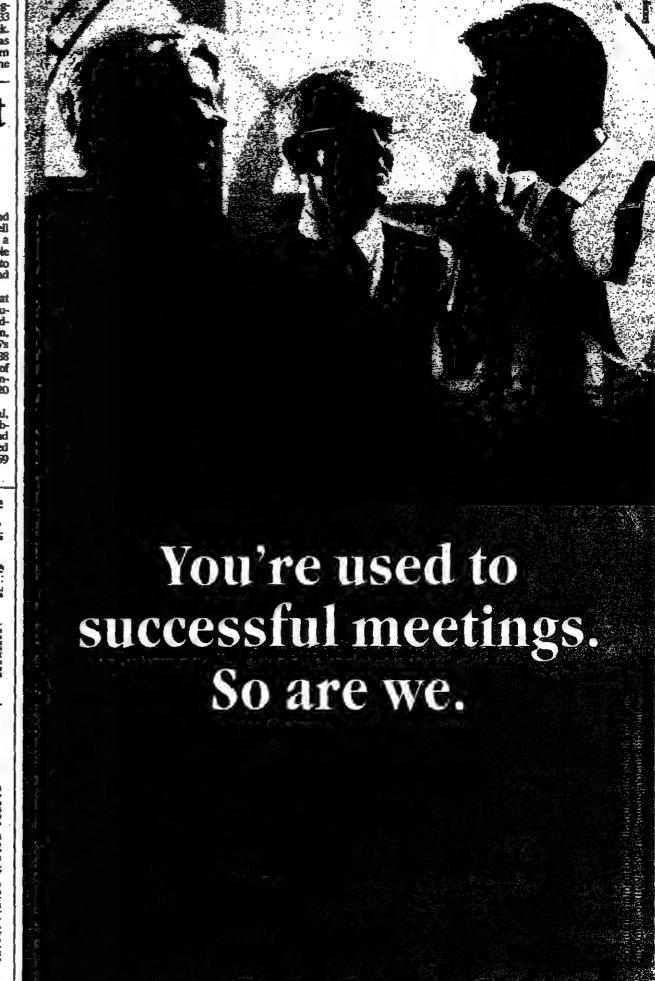
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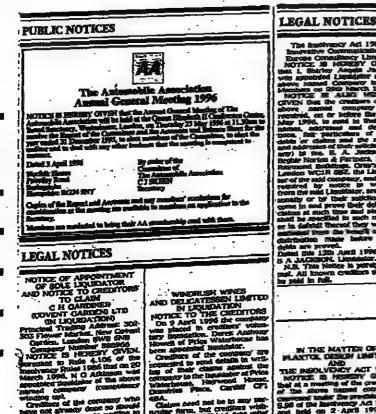
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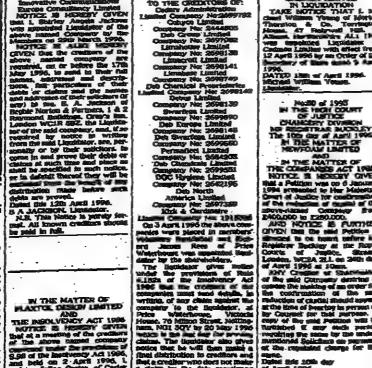
guaranteed bonds into single premium products, but were still reluctant to commit themselves to regular savings plans. Peter Nowell, group chief actuary, said concern over the pensions mis-selling scandal and fears about job security meant consumers were "cash rich but unwilling to start saving for a time in the future" and were more interested in life companies.



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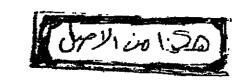
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# End the delay over this tragic lesson

t is now almost II years since a British Airtours Boeing 737 caught fire on the runway at Manchester airport with the loss of 54 lives. It is also eight years since an investigation into the accident delivered a number of recommendations for preventing it happening again.

Yet only now is one of the main points being considered by international safety regu-lators and it could be another two years before it is put into

Many of those who survived the terrible accident reported that they were wedged by the press of people in the narrow passageway between the forward galleys. unable to get out quickly.

The Air Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport urged the Civil Aviation Authority to commission research into the problem and scientists at Cranfield University were asked to help.

They discovered that the configuration used by some airlines did indeed impede easy escape in the event of an emergency, and they there-fore suggested that the minimum aisle width between the galleys in all aircraft should be increased from 22 inches to 30 inches.

But the research did not investigate the cost of such changes to the airline industry. The CAA has, it says, to look after the well-being of the British airline industry as a whole as well as the safety



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The JAA has apparently decided that if these new

"would not be prohibitive" largely because all the new

iets coming into service al

of 1997 at the earliest.

Further complications, say

the bureaucrats, are caused

by the huge number of air-

craft which already have

gangways wider than their

proposed new minimum

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dards. In view of this, they argue, there will have to be more international con-Millions of British holiday-By now the European makers are about to make Union was harmonising for what, for many, is their first all it was worth, including flight of the year, perhaps of aviation safety standards. So their lives. The experts may the CAA passed its findings scoff at their fears, but many to the European Joint Aviaof them are anxious and tion Authorities, known as apprehensive.

"mad cow" disease scare, it is research was necessary and it sometimes necessary to do is about to issue a consultation paper - alben a prelimthings because the arguinary one - within the next ments have gone "beyond the two months on the economic science". To the scientists and impact of increasing the minimum width from 22 to the European bureaucrats. the need for action on the width of the forward aisles on older jets may seem arcane, fraught with problems and standards were introduced even unnecessary. But to for all new aircraft they many passengers, and especially to the Manchester survivors, it is a priority.

As has been said of the

width and the fact that American safety experts have de-

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ready surpass them. But it To judge by the continuing vacillation and also believes that the cost delay, they are begin-ning to believe that the drive would be prohibitive to existing aircraft because galleys would have to be replaced or extensively modified. towards European, and even worldwide, harmonisation of So any new rule will apply standards simply provides an excuse for more meetings, consultations and obfusconly to new jets and not to the existing fleet and may not come into force until the end

The CAA should introduce the new rule now, if only to appear to be taking the side of the passenger. The rest of Europe, and if necessary the United States, can catch up

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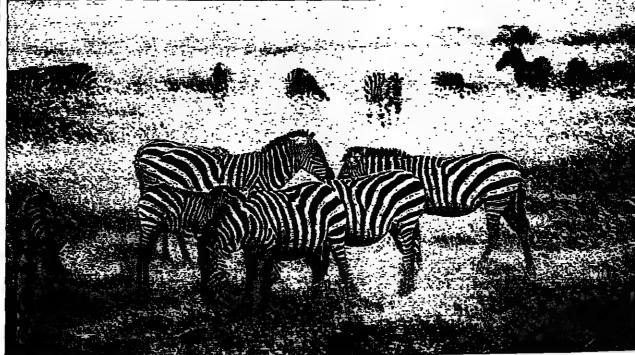
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A TOURISM policy which will eventually lead to the "rationing" of visitors was announced by the Tanzanian Government yesterday, un-derlying its determination to prevent the country's famous sites from becoming damaged

by too many tourists. When the annual number of visitors reaches 500,000, which is expected by the year 2000 if current trends continue, the Government plans to "put on the brakes", Juma Ngasongwa, the Tourism Minister, told a meeting in London.

As part of the policy, the Government is introducing a moratorium on the development of hotels and lodges serving the Serengeti National

Park and on the rim of the

Ngorongoro volcanic crater. instead, it is launching a south," Dr Ngasongwa said. £100 million five-year programme, with help from the adventure safaris with tented World Bank and European Union, to boost lesser known areas by providing more tour-

ist facilities and better roads. The decision follows an announcement by the Kenya Wildlife Service that it, too, is to urge tourists to explore remote parts of the country to avoid the Masai Mara, Amboseli and Tsavo national parks being saturated.

"We want to avoid overcrowding of our 'northern circuit' including the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Mount

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cal sites have been neglected. but under the new tourism plan they will be properly preserved with new tourist information centres." Dr Ngasongwa said.

Hatim Karimjee, chairman of Tanzania's Tourist Board. added: "Our problem is not promoting tourism but con-trolling it. If we don't, we shall

be overtaken by mass tourism. When we reach the optimum number, we shall aim to maintain that level by encouraging visitors to stay longer and to partake in special interest holidays, like game fishing and bird-watching."

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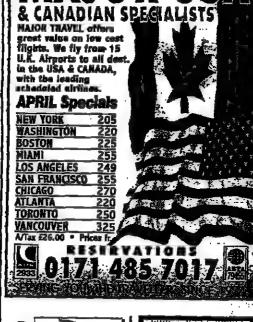
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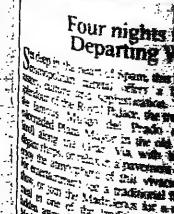




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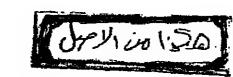
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# Granada raises hotel prices

By DAVID CHURCHILL

GRANADA Group, the leisure and television company, last week sharply increased the prices for its 137 budget Travelodge hotels in the UK for the second time since acquiring the chain in its £3.8 billion takeover of Forte in January.

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The company then followed this up. on Monday, by raising the price of the 78-strong Posthouse mid-market chain. Hotels such as the Peterborough and Birmingham airport are increasing their daily rate from £59 to £69 a night with other bands in the chain going up to £79, £89 and £99 a

night.
The rises were foreshadowed during the bitter takeover battle with Forte but the scale of the increases has come as a surprise to many in the hotel industry.

Though current occupancy levels are strong, some hoteliers fear that the market may have peaked; most of Granada's competitors have decided against raising prices. In February, Granada in-

creased the room rate for Travelodge from £34.50 to £36.50 and last week raised it again to £39.95 for most of its regional hotels, and £42.95 for hotels in big towns and cities. Granada says its research

"indicated that we have been underpriced for some time, and we have now decided to

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Its rival Whitbread, which

TOURISTS taking holidays in

Britain pay a higher propor-tion of their costs in VAT than

in any other European coun-

family of four.

except Sweden. The tax

large in talks between the

tourism industry and the Lab-

our Party during the next few months. Jack Cumningham,

the Shadow Heritage Secre-tary, this week promised that

Labour would listen to argu-

ments for lower VAT on the

tourist industry. He would

make no commitment to cut.

adds almost 6400 to the cost of  $\sim$  the tax is reduced, it should be

a typical two-week break for a - made lower only for hoteliers

These, figures will loom modation or also for restau-

has 119 budget Travel Inn hotels, says it will not raise prices above the present £35.50 a room. Whitbread says: "We have looked long and hard at the Granada move and decided we do not need to raise our Peter Stephenson, manag-ing director of Granada's UK Hotels, says that the rates

Houses and Hilton National, are said to have no immediate

plans to to raise prices. Some observers believe that Granada is more interested in increasing its cashflow from the hotels it acquired in the short term rather than in pricing its rooms according to

have been increased "because

we are operating close to

capacity at the moment" and

because Forte had made big

investments in hotels in recent

chains, such as Queens Moat

But rival mid-market

long-term market needs.

The strength of hotel occupancy at present is also shown by the latest surveys for London from Pannell Kerr Forster (PKF), a hotel consultancy. It reports that room rates last year rose by 11.6 per cent on average to reach £83.92 and occupancy levels were 83 per cent. This year PKF forecasts an 85 per cent average occupancy level in London hotels. In a report on Weish hotels it says occupancy last year reached the highest

Labour reviews tourist tax

BY ROGER BRAY

A guestion to be thrashed

out during talks with tourism

representatives is whether, if

and other providers of accom-

Research by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Interna-

tional suggests that after four

years, cutting the rate to 8 per

cent on accommodation would

lose the Government only

£340 million in VAT annually.

but that the additional £1.8 bil-

lion spent by tourists in Brit-

rants and attractions.

issue would be firmly on the ate more money for the Exche-

offers from Times Newspape which may be of interest.

This offer is operated by Newmarket Air Holidays, a company independent of Times Newspapers Ltd.



A Katyusha rocket fired from Lebanon by Hezbollah fighters blows up a car in Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel

# BA cancels Beirut flight

BY TONY DAWE

BRITISH Altways cancelled yesterday's London-Beirut flight, tours to Lebanon's historic sites have been abandoned and holidays to the Holy Land disrupted as Israel continued its offensive against alleged terrorist targets in Lebanon.

Airlines and tour operators are making decisions day-by-day about services and holidays to the Middle East but admit that many customers have cancelled and that the recent increase in tourism to the region is being slowed.

The only positive news yesterday came from British Mediterranean Airways, set

quer. A similar reduction

throughout the industry

would cut the tax take by

almost £2.3 billion a year over

the same period, raise spend-

ing by more than £4 billion

and create 87,000 jobs. The

overali effect would be a

reduction in tax receipts but a

British holidaymakers

spend more on holiday than

they budget for and are reluc-

tant to carry too much cash

when travelling, according to

a survey by Audience Selec-

tion for Europay, which trades

as Mastercard in Europe.

Most Britons use credit cards

huge boost for the economy.

up last year under its chairman Lord Hesketh to take advantage of the rise in demand for travel to Beirut. Damascus and Amman. None of its five weekly services has been cancelled because most passengers are Lebanese people returning home.

The Foreign Office says that "travel south of Beirut is inadvisable" and the British Embassy in Beirut has told tour operators to keep clear of the Bekaa Valley and the Baalbeck area, both strongholds of Hezbollah, but containing some of the most important Middle East archaeological remains.

Leading holiday companies are pull-

celling future trips. Jim Harris, director of Jasmin Tours, said a six-day Highlights of Lebanon tour due to leave London yesterday had been cancelled. He was watching the situation closely before making a decison about the next tours. Visits to Baaibeck, included in Syrian-based holidays, are also being cancelled. Thomson, which takes 10,000 British holidaymakers to Israel every year, has cancelled its weekly coach tours through the country and mini-cruises from Cyprus which included visits to the Holy Land. But it is continuing with its

# Orlando offers special prices to beat Disney

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

ORLANDO theme parks are 25 per cent so far this year - visit Sea World and Universal banding to ether to offer a five-day unlimited admission to all three non-Disney parks Universal Studios, Sea World and Wet 'n' Wild - for the price of about one day's

admission. The ticket will cost about £63 for adults and £51 for children. In addition Orlando is offering free shuttle transport from certain hotels to the theme parks.

This special five-day pass is part of an attempt by Orlan-do's theme parks to stave off the growing dominance of Walt Disney World in attracting both American and international tourists. Many Orlando theme park operators believe they are missing out on Florida's tourism boom - and visitors from the UK are up by

Barcelona

or Nice

for £49

THE "no frills" airline revolu-

tion that has started in Amer-

ica is about to take wing in

Europe, Roger Bray writes.

EasyJet, the cut-price operator

that began by flying between

Luton and Scotland only, plans to launch two £49 one-

way services, to Nice and

Easyjet is pitched mainly at

the leisure market, although it

may appeal to business travel-

lers who, according to a

MORI survey for Carlson, a travel agency, are willing to use small airlines for short

flights. EasyJer's present desti-

nations are Glasgow, Edin-

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the £5 air passenger's duty.

Barcelona in June.

because tourists find it too expensive to visit the other parks as well as the betterknown Disney. A five-day Disney pass, giving unlimited access to its

three main theme parks, three water parks and night-time entertainment complex, costs about El24 for adults and £99 for children aged under 10.

Orlando's special ticket to its three parks will not, however, be sold in the UK and will be available only at the gates to its parks. Several British ticket operators, such as Keith Prowse and Ticketshop USA, argue that the five-day pass does not offer such exceptional value as at first appears.

This is because few tourists, they believe, would want to

BRITAIN's biggest holiday

company is recruiting more

Studios every day for five days. They believe it better to hirv tickets in advance in Britain, so as to avoid having to meet the extra costs when abroad.

But the Universal/Sea World ticket deal is seen by tour operators to Florida as one of the best bargains of the year. "Universal and Sea World must be getting really worried about Disney's success if they feel the need to offer such a good deal," said

one specialist operator. Disney has spent heavily on advertising and other promotions this year, including a free 20-minute video which has been sent to more than 900,000 British households showing what Disney World

# A wing and a prayer

clergymen to preach at its overseas resorts next winter. Eight more chaplains will join the 32 already based in Spain and other holiday hotspots sold by Thomson Holidays. This winter a record 2.6 million Britons fled the cold in search of sunshine. And Thomson - which sells three out of ten holidays

- expects a new record next winter. Its larger flock of 40 clergymen will hold a total of 1,000. Sunday services, with resident parsons in seven of popular holiday areas. The new chaplains will be based in Cyprus and Portu-gal. Others already work in

regions to preach." The dergymen are mem bers of the Inter-Continental Church Society, a non-denom-

the Costa del Sol, Costa Blanca, Majorca, Tenerife and Tunisia. "We call them the flying vicars," said a Thom-son spokesman. "The chap-lains based in the popular resorts travel across their

inational society.

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with departure from Birmingham on May 5 is among late offers from Cosmos. Details: 0161-480

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☐ IN CONTRAST, Arctic Experience is offering a fivenight spring break in Iceland with adventurous day trips from £494 per person until the end of May. Details: 01737 218800.

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☐ FLORIDA for a formight for £429 per adult, a saving of £150, with half price for children under 16 is this week's offer from ARTAC WorldChoice travel agents and Virgin Holidays, The offer, available from May 31 to June 27, includes Garwick-Miami flights and accommodation in Orlando. Details: 0500 757737.

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THE four-star

Chelsea Hotel in Knightsbridge, close to Harrods, has a special weekend rate of £99 per night for a single room and £110 for the double for the two May Bank Holiday weekends. This represents a saving of E78 a night on the normal rate. Details: 0171-838 9650.

□ WHITE'S Hotel in Gibraltar has a three-night break for £199 per person, including air fares, until the end of May. The 126-room four-star hotel is located in the heart of the city. Details: 01993 700600.

BROWN'S Hotel in London's Albernarie Street is offering a special St George's Day menu in its restaurant next Tuesday, at £24.50 for three courses, to celebrate its long links with the patron saint of England. In 1889 it acquired the neighbouring St George's Hotel and a stained glass window featuring St George slaying the dragon can still be seen in the hotel bar. Details: 0171-493 6020.

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☐ STAKIS Hotels has published a leisure break brochure featuring short holidays at the company's 45 UK properties, including its new hotels at Balmoral, Aberdeen and Tyneside. Details: 0990 969696.

THE Copthorne Hotel in Hanover, Germany, has a special rate of E49 per night for British guests visiting the Hanover Fair in June in which more than 10,000 people take part. The rate includes transfers to the fair and an evening meal in the main fairground marquee. Details: 0800 414741.

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saler Bright-ways is offering a special fare to New York via Paris. A round-trip price of £2,338 covers subsonic business

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☐ SABENA has some attractive business-class bonus fares for regional passengers

flying to Eur-ope via Brus-sels. Manchester-Munich return, for example, costs £460 while Glasgow-Bordeaux is offered at £514 — savings of about 15 per cent on normal rates. Details: 0181-780 1444.

SWISS airline Crossair has launched a direct Edinburgh-Zurich service with an introductory fare of £199. Details: 0345 581333.

THIS summer British Airways is serving another six destinations from Gatwick - flights to Zurich and Stockholm have just started, and Edinburgh begins next month, Kiev fol-lows in June while Phoenix

and San Diego come online in July. Details: 0345 222111. ☐ EUROSTAR is providing stiffer competition to the airlines between London, Paris and Brussels. Sales of its off-season rail fares starting at £59 standard and £155 first class — have been extended until mid-July. De-

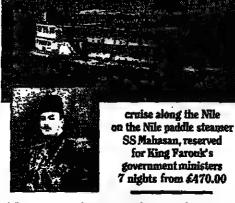
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Court of Appeal had subsequently

been prepared to infer prejudice from loss of recollection through

the passage of time having regard

to the particular circumstances of the case even in the absence of

spects in which memories had

dimmed: see, for example. In re Manlon Trading Co Ltd [[1995] 3 WLR 339, 848 and 852).

On the authorities there were

differences in emphasis between

what was said by Lord Justice Roth in Hornapold, Lord Justice Waite in Rowe v Glenister (The Times August 7, 1995; CA Tran-script No 95/964) and Lord Justice

Auld in Slade v Adco Ltd (The Times December 7, 1995; CA

Transcript No 95/1779) on the one hand, and what was said by Lord

and Benoit, Lord Justice Glidewell in Hornagold, Lord Browne-Wil-

rson in Roebuck v Mungovin

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Justice Neill in Slade v Adco Ltd

But all the judges were agreed ast in appropriate circumstances

that in appropriate circumstances inferences could be drawn. Each

on the other hand.

Justice Stuart-Smith in Lenism

Shtun v Zaljejska

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

[Judgment March 28] In considering whether an action should be struck out because of the plaintiff's inordinate and inexcusable delay, and in determining whether the defendant had suflered prejudice through the impairment of witnesses' recollections as a result of delay, the court had to examine with care all the evidence in the case.

In some cases a court would be entitled to draw inferences of prejudice even in the absence of evidence of the particular respects in which a witness's memory was impaired: but every case turned on its own facts.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Urszula Zaljejska, from an order of Mr D. K. Oliver, QC. sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division on May 20. 1994, in which he reinstated an action against her by the plaintiff, Musij Shum, which Master Barrett had previously dismissed for

want of prosecution.

In October 1984 the plaintiff issued a writ against the defendant claiming a declaration that the defendant held a hotel property. purchased in 1978, on trust for him absolutely, in April 1985 the defendant served her defence and counterclaim, claiming that the plaintiff had given her the property at the time of purchase. Pleadings issued a summons for directions in finally served complete further and better particulars in January 1988.

The plaintiff set down the action in April 1988. In November 1989. documents and the plaintiff served his list in February 1990. On May 4. 1993 the plaintiff served notice of intention to proceed and on September 9, 1943 the defendant

only evidence of prejudice to the defendant as a result of the plainuff's delay was the affidavit evidence of her solicitor, which

There is a substantial risk that it will not be possible to have a fair trial of the issues ... the dispute ... (concerned) a number of issues relating to the agreement made between the plaintiff and the defendant as to the ownership of the property. These matters relate to, in the main, oral agreement. although there is some documentation available."

Mr Paul Rippon for the defendant: Mr John Chapman for the

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON said that the deputy judge was tempted to take the view that the delay and the necessity of oral evidence was such as would justify dismissal of the action, but he considered himself bound by the Court of Appeal in Hornagold v Fairclough Building Ltd (The Times June 3, 1993; [1993] PIQR 400), where Lord Justice Roch said that there had to be more than a hald assertion that the delay had prejudiced the defendant.

Mr Rippon submitted that the deputy judge's reliance on Hornagold was misplaced and his decision should be reversed.

The following propositions of I Where there had been no contumelious conduct by the plaintiff, the court, if it was to strike out an action for want of prosecution, had to be satisfied (a) that there had been inordinate and inexcusable delay by the plaintiff or his lawyers: and (b) that such delay would give rise to a substantial risk that it was not possible to have a fair trial of the issues in the action or was such as was likely to cause or to have caused serious projudice to the defendants either as between themselves and the

party: Birkett v James (1978) AC 297, 318) per Lord Diplock. 2 It was the delay after the issue of

proceedings which had to be shown to have caused such risk of prejudice (ibid p322). 3 Where the plaintiff delayed in issuing proceedings and by further delay caused prejudice, the addi-

tional prejudice that had to be shown to justify dismissal of the action need not be great but it had to be more than minimal (ibid 4 Once the plaintiff was guilty of

further delay the prejudice caused by the totality of the periods of his delay could be looked at: Roebuck per Lord Browne-Wilkinson. 5 The prejudice might take a

variety of forms, but one important form was the impairment of witnesses' memories. Another con-sisted of the prejudice to the defendant through having a seri-ous claim hanging over him: Biss v Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching) (1978) I WLR 382, 389). But the courts should only in exceptional cases treat the anxiety which accompanied all linigation as alone being sufficient to justify dismissing the action: Department Transport v Chris Smaller

(Trunsport) Ltd. ([1989] AC 1197, 1209, 1210) per Lord Griffiths. action would not be struck out for want of prosecution before the expiry of the relevant limitation period: Birkett v James (at p32l). Lord Griffiths in Smaller (al pl203G) was not intending to depart from Birkett v James in any way. The House of Lords in that case specifically upheld the prin-

ciples in Birkett v James. Nor was there anything in Birkett v James to suggest that Lord Salmon or Lord Diplock recanted from what they had earlier said in Allen v Sir Alfred AlcAlpine and Sons Ltd [1968] 2 QB 229, 360 and 272). The principles in Allen received the approval of the House of Lords in that

What was the subject of more controversy was the evidence needed to justify the dismissal of an action on the ground of the

His Lordship considered the following cases: Electricity Supply Nomineer Ltd v Longstaff and Shaw Ltd ([1986] 3 Constr LJ 183. 187) per Lord Justice Mustill referred to in Homagold at p407: Leniston v Phipps (unreported, CA Transcript No 88/387), per Lord Justice Stuart-Smith (at pl4) with whom Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed: Benoit v Haringey London Borough Council (un reported, CA Transcript No 91/0116), in which Lord Justice Nourse agreed with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith: Smaller per Lord Griffiths at pl208; Trill v Sacher

ciples 11 to 14 there set out. In Hornagold Mr Justice ichiemann dismissed a personal injury action for want of prosecu-tion. The evidence before him included affidavits stating that unspecified witnesses would have difficulties of recollection.

(1993) I WLR 1379, 1399) per Lord

Justice Neill, in particular prin-

in the Court of Appeal, Lord Benoit, the Electricity Supply case and Smaller, said (at p409) that to succeed in striking out an action a defendant had to produce some evidence from which serious prej-udice could be inferred. He held that because the defendant did not identify the particular witnesses or the particular respects in which their evidence was impaired, prej-udice could not be inferred and he llowed the appeal.

Lord Justice Glidewell, while agreeing in the result, expressed himself differently (at pp414 and 417). Lord Justice Roch accepted that inferences could be drawn but he required greater specificity in evidence than did Lord Justice

Slade v Adco Ltd. had so turn on its own particular facts. Rome v uty judge in the present case was Glenister on its particular facts was not deserminative of the referred only to Hornagold in The Times which gave extracts of Lord Justice Roch's judgment and only outcome of the present appeal on its different facts. said of Lord Justice Glidewell that he gave a concurring judgment.

In order to determine whether a In Rochuck v Mungovin Lord defendant had suffered the necessary prejudice in the form of the owne-Wilkinson, with whom all impairment of witnesses' recollecthe other law lords agreed, considered Hornagold (at p234) and plainly rejected Lord Justice Roch's tions as a result of inordinate and inexcusable post-writ delay, the court had to examine with care all views on the necessity to adduce the evidence including both the specific evidence that prejudice affidavit evidence and evidence of flowed from loss of memory in a the issues disclosed by the plead-

He also stated in clear terms that Evidence of the particular rethe court could draw inferences spects in which a potenti from a loss of recollection for any substantial period of delay and witness's memory was impaired was not essential in every case, still that it would be artificial to allocate less had it to be shown that such prejudice to one rather than failing of memory commenced in a particular period. On the authority of Roebuck, the

The deputy judge misdirected himself in considering himself bound by what was then reported of Lord Justice Roch's judgment in Hornogold. But for that he would have acted differently.

In the circumstances the court

was entitled to exercise its own discretion. Having regard to the issues and the oral evidence required to resolve them, to the prejudice likely to have been caused through the four-year delay before the issue of proceedings and to the plaintiff's inordinate and inexcusable delay since the issue of the writ, it was possible to draw the inference of more than minimal prejudice to the defendant as a Accordingly, the appeal would be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE. concurring with Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Neill. said that the case vividly illustrated the excessive intrusion of factual questions. The legal criteria were those in Birkent v James.

The deputy judge considered that he was constrained from

drawing an inference of prejudice by the newspaper report, published eleven months earlier, in Hornagold. His Lordship deplored that approach to binding authority. The judge was misled. A reference to the full tent of the dements delivered would have

avoided the error. The judge was led to believe that the only way a court could be satisfied that the substantial risk existed was by specific affidavit evidence expressly particularising the risk. That was not and never had been the law, it confused comments made in individual rases about the evidence in those

cases with propositions of law. Such comments were not statements of law and were no more than guidance upon the appropriate judicial approach to the reaching of factual decisions and assistance in the reaching of consistent decisions in similar

Each case turned on its own facts and whether or not in any given case it was appropriate to draw the inference depended upon all the circumstances in that case.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL concurring, said that in Birkett v James the House of Lords set out two preconditions for the exercise of the discretionary power to strike out for want of prosecution: (i) that the plaintiff had been guilty of inordinate and inexcusable delay: and (ii) that such delay gave rise to a substantial risk that it was not asible to have a fair trial or was likely to cause or had caused serious prejudice to the defendant.

In respect of the second precondition each case depended on its own facts but the factors to be taken into account in evaluating the defendant's case included: (i the issues; (ii) the evidence which was or was likely to be available and how far that would be oral or documentary; this the time claused

pre-writ period; (v) the period of inordinate and inexcusable delayand (vi) the degree of prejudice caused or likely to have been caused by the inordinate and ... inexcusable delay.

Pre-writ delay could not be relied on but if the writ was issued late the additional prejudice need not be great compared to that which had occurred before the writ

was issued. Most of those factors would also be relevant where it was said that there was a substantial risk that it was not possible to have a fair trial In many cases the resolution of the issues would depend on oral testimony. Sometimes the defendant would be able to show that a witness had died or become too infirm to give evidence or had disappeared. But there would be

absence of witnesses but on all the circumstances of the case. The defendant had to explain his position and establish prejudice. He had to explain how the relevant delay would affect his case and the

cases where the proper assessment

of the defendant's position and the

nature and degree of any prejudice

would not depend primarily on the

resolution of the issues, . . . . . The judge had to assess the likely effect on the trial and on the defendant's ability to put his case." He therefore had to draw in-ferences based on all the material hefore him, including inferences as to the effect of delay on the t recollection of witnesses.

In that context it was important? to keep in mind the words of Land Browne-Wilkinson in Roebuck v Mungovin (at p234) which were not obiter, that a judge could inter a further loss of recollection from any substantial delay.

It was to be hoped that future affidavits would set out explanations of prejudice more clearly than in the present case.

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### Power to award costs is confined

Zanussi v Anglo Venezuelan Real Estate and Agricultural Development Ltd

The High Court jurisdiction to award costs, defined by section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1481, did not enable the court to award costs other than those incurred in the proceedings before it and costs incidental to those proceedings.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir Juhn Balcumbe) so. held on March 7 when allowing Angle Venezuelan Real Estate's anneal from a costs under made by Master Barrett on July 26, 1994 in favour of the plaintiff. Mr Guido Zanussi, in proceedings begun in March 1993, whereby he had awarded the plaintiff part of the costs of an earlier action between the parties that had been com-

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that by section 51 of the 1981 Act "the costs of and incidental to all proceedings" in the High Court were in the discretion of the court. The question was whether the master had jurisdiction to make an award of the costs of the 1902 case in the 1943 case.

The word "all" in section 51 meant lin every proceeding which is before the court". The section didnot confer jurisdiction on the court to award costs other than those incurred in the proceedings before

incidental to the 1943 proceedings it was apparent that the master did not have jurisdiction to order the defendants to pay any of the costs of the 1992 proceedings.

### Parent not liable over child

A v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before exercising its powers to make an order that a parent should pay compensation and costs under section 55 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1433 in respect of an offence committed by a child, a court should satisfy itself that such an order was reasonable.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Jain Glidewell) so held un April 1 when allowing an appeal by way of case stated against the dismissal by Wood Green Crown Court tJudge Lait and justices) on July 1. 1994 of an appeal against an order by justices at Enfield Youth Court on May 4, 1994 that a parent pay compensation in respect of a child's conviction for criminal

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said that the act had occurred while the child was being accommodated by the council with the parent's consent, under section 30 of the Children Act 1989.

Although the child was not the subject of a care order and the parent retained legal care and control, the local authority had de facto charge of its day to day management. There was no way in practice that the parent could have stopped the child from committing

In those circumstances it was not reasonable to hold the parent responsible for the child's actions. Accordingly the appeal would be allowed and the order for compensation and custs against the parent would be quashed.

### Establishing prospectus misrepresentation Possfund Custodian Trustee

Ltd and Another v Diamond and Others Part and Others v Same

McGrigor Donald (a Firm) Third Party Before Mr Justice Lightman [Judgment April 2]

When a purchaser in the unlisted securities market claimed damages in respect of a misrepresentation from those responsible for defects in the original share prospectus, he had to establish that he reasonably (i) relied on the relevant representation, and (ii) believed that the representor in-

tended him to act on it.
All Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery Division, in refusing to strike out, under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, those parts of the state ments of claim by 75 plaintiffs in two consolidated actions, which related to purchases of shares in that market, as distinct from

The prospectus in question was issued in April 1980 prior to the placing of 5.177.735 shares of Sp in the eighth defendant. Diamond Group Holdings plc, on the un-listed securities market at 85p each. The first to seventh defendants were Diamond's directors at the time: the ninth defendant, Allied Provincial Corporate Ser vices Ltd, was Diamond's financial adviser for that placing; the tenth defendants. Arthur Andersen & Co. were Diamond's auditors and the reporting accountants.

Mr Charles Falconer, QC and Mr Martin Moore for the plaintiffs: Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Philip Gilyon for Allied Provincial: Mr Mark Barnes, QC and Mr Rhodri Davies for Arthur Andersen: Mr Andrew Thornton for the

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said the novel question of law was whether those responsible for the issue of a company's prospectus owed a duty of care to subsequent purchasers of its shares in the infisted market. The plaintiffs contended that:

Both when subsequently purchasing, as many did, as well as when initially subscribing for shares which were in fact worthless (Diamond now being in receiverships they relied, as the were intended to, on the 1989

2 It had misrepresented Diamond's position by failing to disclose, or understating Di-3 All 10 defendants owed them

duties of care, breach of which caused them loss and entitled them, in each of two actions begun in 1992 and 1905, to both compensation in respect of subscribed shares under section 67 of the Companies Act 1965; and thy damages at cummon law, in respect of "after market pur-chases" as well as of initial subscriptions, for (i) deceit, against Diamond and the first lour defendants: (ii) negligence, in regard to the prospectus, against the first to ninth defendants: and till neg-

in respect of their financial report within the prospectus. Mr Falconer had submitted that the defendants' applications to strike out so much of the plaintiffs' pleading as related to subsequent purchases should be refused: I As an abuse of process, since Mr

Justice Harman had refused a strike-out attempt by Arthur Andersen in 1993; however, the launch of the second action in 1995 and its consolidation with the first were factors sufficient to prevent the matter being res judicata; 2 Because the plaintiffs' pleadings were plainly sound: countered by the defendants' contention that

they were plainly unsound. Common law and statutory

The landmark speeches in Peek v Gurney (1973) to LR HL 377) and Derry v Peek (1989) 14 App Cas 337) were now supplemented by those in Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller & Partners Ltd (1964) AC 4651 and Caparo Industries plc v Dickman (1990) AC 605) showing that the imposition of a duty of care in such situations required a clover

relationship between representor and representee and that its imposition had to be fair, just and reasonable. The Financial Services Act 1986.

which followed Professor Gower's report Review of Investor Protec-tion (Crand 9125) of 1984 drew a sharp distinction between the list ing of particulars of shares to be admitted to the official list of the Stock Exchange (Part IV of the Act) and prospectuses of unlisted securities (Part V: never brought

into forcel. Were the pleadings adequate?

The material paragraph in the 1992 action claimed that the purpose ... of the prospectus was to provide the financial background to [Diamond] ... on the strength of which or in the context of which a market in the shares was established and maintained and, in particular, to induce or encourage [persons, to whom the prospectus was sent, to purchase further shares "in the aftermarket"

Only one potentially supportive further and better particular of that paragraph had been served: namely "The fact that the purpose set out itherein) is acknowledged by those experienced as advisers in relation to the floration of companies as one of the purposes of a prospectus issued in connection with a placing..." which his Lordship had regarded as so close to unintelligible and uncommunicative that when it became clear that it, and the as yet unrevealed expert evidence in support, constituted the whole thrust of the plaintiffs' defence to a strike-out, had ordered them to file an affidavit from their expert substantiating it, an order, although objected to by Mr Falconer as a procedural innovation, his Lordship believed he had both jurisdic-tion and a duty to make, in the interests of convenience and

That affidavit, when duty filed, stated that by 1989 established commercial practice and perceptions no longer confined the purinducing of subscriptions: it was now prepared with the humer intention of inducing purchases in the aftermarket. That was now clear enough to escape "strike-out". Intent and proximity

responsible for a prospectus intend aftermarket purchasers to rely on it and if so did the necessary degree of proximity link those responsible with such purchasers?

assessed obectively: see Clerk & Linsell on Torts (17th edition (1995) paragraph 7.65)? Whether or not a ive intention sufficed, it seemed that it must, in all cases be objectively established.

As to proximity, the law drew a distinction between representa-tions made to specific persons for specific purposes and representa-tions to the public. In the latter, it was likely to be established only if reliance upon it by them, for the purpose in question, were found to have been intended by the v Hill Samuel & Co Ltd [[1991] Ch 295. 320B-C) per Lord Justice-Slade; Galoo Ltd v Bright Graham Murray (1994) I WLR 1360, 1382-3) per Lord Justice Glidewell.

Negligence and the prospectus The starting point in determining the ambit of the duty owed by the draftsman of a prospectus must be its statutory purpose but his Lordship opined that if its additional and intended purpose: of informing and encouraging purchasers in the aftermarket, were established, it was at least arguable that a duty of care was

owed to the laner.

He referred again to Reek v
Gurney and to Al Nakib v
Longeraft ([1900] 1 WLR 1300]. Scott v Diron (11889) 29 LJ (Ench) 62, note), Andrews v Mockford (1896) i QB 372) and finally, as supporting the view that the plantiffs claim merited full consideration at trial, to Gover on Company Law (5th edition (1942)

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the others, it was far from certain

that the decisions in those four

actions would resolve any question

to the effect of reducing signifi-cantly the time, effort and expense

to be incurred overall in the actions

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### Claims too various to allow lead actions

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tion and Others Before Lord Gill

Judgment March [4] The kinds of claims made by Shetland islanders in actions for physical and personal injuries arising out of the wreck of the Braer in 1993 were too various for 77 of them to be delayed while another four proceeded as leading

Lord Gill, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session. so held, refusing a motion by Mr Christopher Anderson and 76 other persons for actions of reparation brought by them against the Braer Corporation, Assurance-foreningen Skuld (Gjensidig) and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund to be sisted pending the outcome of actions brought against the same defenders by the firm of J. W. L. Black and others, Mr Magnus Burgess and Mr Martin Burgess.

Mr James Drummond Young. QC and Mr Raj Jandoo for the pursuers: Mr Robert Howie for the first and second defenders: Mr Colin Campbell, QC, for the third

LORD GILL said that the actions before him were 77 of the 239 actions arising from the wrack of the oil tanker MV Rracr, which had been brought under the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pullution) Act 1971. A group of 85 actions with which the court was presently concerned related largely to phys-ical damage to asbestos and lelt roofs, but there were also various claims for personal injuries and a variety of agricultural claims

Some of those cases had been

sisted to enable the pursuers to upply for legal aid. Most of the other 154 actions were by fishermen or fish farmers

Mr Campbell had informed his Lordship that the fund had paid out about £48 million on claims arising from the wreck. About £10 million remained available to meet further claims. The total of all sums sued for in the actions before the court was about £80 million phus interest.

In the group of 85 cases the total of all sums sued for was about £10 million plus interest. As a result the third defenders had suspended all payments out of the fund until all 239 actions were resolved, The proposal was that four actions should proceed as leading

actions in order to minimise the

time, effort and expense associated with the others. However, Rule of Court 22.3(b) provided that the proper time for such a motion was after the closing of the record. But even if his Lordship was wrong that the rule excluded any inherent discretion of

the court to order a sist, the

rsuers had not satisfied him that

the 81 actions arose out of the same cause of action. All of the actions originated in the spillage of oil from the Braer. but within them there were various types of claim; for example, damage to buildings and fences; damage to pastures and soils; damage to livestock, crops and fertilisers; landslides; physical injury; and the emergency transfer of children to

Even within claims of the same generic type there were wide variations. For example, the physical effects claimed for were al-

leged to include upper respiratory tract damage, depression, hernia, ulcers and a broken knee.

in the commonest head of claim.

damage to asbestos roof riles, there would be inevitable variations between cases in respect of the location of the property relative to the site of the spill; the construction, design and state of repair of the roof, and the element of betterment that might be involved in any repairs already undertaken. There might also be questions specific to individual cases as to

ss, pure economic loss and the like. Some of the actions involved claims by partnerships and would raise their own special

The proposed leading actions accounted for only 14 of 45 separate heads of claim identified by the third defenders.

His Lordship was not satisfied that in any of the four prospective leading actions there was any clear and concise question of fact or law

in the group, particularly since no agreement existed between the parties that any action or group of actions would be held as decisive of any questions of fact or law. On the contrary, if the motions were granted, the parties would be free to adapt their legal and evidential strategies in the sisted actions in the light of the outcomes in the leading actions and no lord ordinary would be bound by any decision reached by a lord ordinary in any of the leading-

actions. The proposed sist might therefore delay rather than accel-

erate the resolution of the claims.

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FILM 1

Time-travelling the complex way in Terry Gilliam's baroque new extravaganza, Twelve Monkeys



FILM 2

Plenty of smart Brooklyn talk in Smoke, Wayne Wang's screen version of a Paul Auster story





FILM 3

... but Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson flounder in the dreary family angst of Before and After



**MUSIC** 

Michael Tilson Thomas steers the LSO through the premiere of Robin Holloway's

# Something completely over the top

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Bruce Willis

buried up to his bald head in the spectacular overkill of Terry Gilliam's Twelve Monkeys

documentary

12, 108 mins

get the glums

movie heroes were immaculately groomed and wore uits, shirts and ties. Now look Bruce Willis in Terry dilliam's unwieldy extrava-Brza, Twelve Monkeys. His head is shaved to reveal what Gillam has called "the most beautiful cranium in the word". A prisoner's number is samped above the left ear, a barode on the back of the neck Usually he wears grunge; sometimes, when imetravelling, he wears nothing a all.

The world he inhabits is

scarely prettier. In 2035, according to the hideously com-plicaed script by David and JanetPeoples, the one remaining per cent of a population wipel out by a virus lives undeground among darkness, rotting machinery and dripping water. Time-travelling loes not improve things. Hittig 1990 by mistake, Willis, playing an enforced voluner sent into the past to stop he virus at source, gets bunded into an asylum.

Reching 1996 and a Phila-delphia peeling with urban decay he gets on the track of a terroist group, the Army of the welve Monkeys, led by one if the asylum inmates, BradPitt, nutty son of virologist Christopher Plummer. The other big cast name jouring with fate is Madeleine Stow, a psychiatrist who specialises in the Cassandra compex - the agony of being unabe to prevent some dire futur event. Audiences may feel sime of this themselves as they watch Twelve Monkeys, so dazling in parts, grow ever

more unmanageable. None expects any Gilliam film to walk a straight line. But the criss-crossing time frames, mood swings and irrelwances in this script inspired by Chris Marker's 1962 sci-fi short La Jetée - Twelve Monkeys Warner West End 15, 129 mins Terry Gilliam's unwieldy extravagansa

Smoke Lumiere, 15, 100 mins Agreeable talk piece written by Paul Auster Unzipped MGM Shaftesbury Ave

15, 74 mins Exuberant fashion Before and After Odeon Leicester Square Streep and Neeson

make the going more difficult than usual. Gilliam's directorial manner wreaks its own Wang's usual stomping damage. He is one of the few ground is America's Chinese film-makers around with a vision", and the absurd chaos of Twelve Monkeys is of a piece with the worlds of Brazil and The Fisher King. His films never grow organically. One sequence, designed with breathtaking panache, is piled on top of another, and the tower topples over. Like some Gothic architects,

Gilliam does not know when to stop. One instance: having allowed Pitt harrible freedom mad with gesticulating hands, he then shoots the asylum scenes through a distorting camera lens.

Luckily, other performers keep their heads. Willis's unheroic, vuinerable role may bernuse Die Hard fans, but the man deserves praise for tackling adventurous material. As always, Stowe is fascinating to watch - feisty, vulnerable, elegant and earthy all at once - although you never feel the flames of romance flicker between the two

stars. You never, in fact, feel much for the characters at all: partly because you can barely spot them among the garbage. graffiti, time jumps and surre-

Gilliam hopes his film will give audiences the thrill of seeing something new. If spectacle were all we might well be thrilled; but if we want a film with a sense of purpose, control and a human heart, we must look elsewhere.

Perhaps to Smoke. Characters troop into Harvey Keitel's tobacconist's to buy supplies of the lethal weed. But the cigarettes in their mouths never stop them talking: Wayne Wang's agreeable if lightweight film coasts along on the dialogue of the fashionable novelist Paul Auster, who developed the script from a Christmas story he wrote for The New York Times.

immigrant community. Here he falls into the Brooklyn melting pot, armed with stories about fathers, sons and widowers breaking free from a painful past with the help of friends and the quirks of fate. Keitel never quite convinces as a master of Brooklyn bonhomie, although it is cheering to find him fully dressed and not pumping people with bullets. Despite location shooting. Brooklyn itself seems less than William Hurt's grieving novelist has "studio set" stamped all over it, while the desiccated air of Auster's talk belongs more to smart Manhattan.

The cast keeps you watching. Aside from Keitel and Hurt, you get Stockard Channing with an eyepatch, Forest Whitaker with a false arm, and Harold Perrineau, memorable as a boy running from gangaters with \$5,800 in cash. The characters weave in and out, talking, inhaling, spinning anecdotes. Nothing



amounts to much, but Smoke is never less than pleasant.

Documentary is such a grey ant portrait of fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi as he whizzes about New York creating a new collection. A true child of America, Mizrahi ravenously feeds off movies, and gets the idea for his 1994 autumn show from a television screening of Flaherty's silent classic Nanook of the North, one of the most venerable documentaries of all. Another key influence is Loretta Young's appearance in Call of the Wild: although she's half-

eyeliner untouched, Eskimo fur meets Hollywood kitsch, word that it seems unfair to or, as Mizrahi puts it, "Giselle pin it to Unzipped, an exuber-meets Fred Flintstone".

> The last movie to ransack the fashion world, Altman's feeble Pret-a-Porter, took a sour view of things. But the director of Unzipped, fashion photographer Douglas Keeve, clearly relishes the peacock egos, the drudgery and madness required to mount a show. It's no easy task. Intransigent fabrics must be cut, tailored and caioled. So must the models, who dislike Mizrahi's notion

of changing clothes behind a worst blow of all. Jean Paul Gaultier comes out with his

Through all the torments Mizrahi ploughs on; bubbling with humour and mimicry of movie stars. He's a great show in himself; and this joyful film, shot on the run with great panache by Ellen Kuras, does him proud.

The glum family drama Before and After does nobody proud, not its stars, Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson, nor its director, Barbet Schroeder. "I just want my boy back." Streep's paediatrician bleats. "I just want to hold him another you don't. Oh well.

again." Neeson, meanwhile, as her artist husband, wrenchsuggests severe stomach ache.

their teenage son. Edward Furlong, accused of murdering a local lass. Not that Furlong seems bothered he blots his copybook as a rising star by walking through in a lazy daze, scarcely raising his eyelids or opening his mouth. His opposite number is Alfred Molina, the family's Greek defence lawyer, who rolls his eyes, twitches a bushy moustache, and eats a sandwich that passed the continuity girl by: in one shot you see it, in

**RADIO** 

#### Master with class

cause of my taking up the violin as a boy and putting it down again a few years later, having made little discernible progress, I wanted to sound like him, but he sounded so unlike me as to render the gap unbridgeable. Menuhin had an unfair advantage: he was a genius,

Next week Menuhin is 80, so Classic FM has gone to town, Menuhin: Master Musician (Saturdays) is in its second week ... of 20. Each programme lasts an hour. This is the longest single personality series Classic has mounted: 20 hours of Menuhin smacks of an overreaction to the common charge that Classic is a sampler station.

So it will be interesting to see if the series, written and presented by Humphrey Burton, has legs. Menuhin was all of seven years old before he made his concert debut (with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra) so, musically, we are looking at a career which has lasted a mere 73 years. He

made his first record in 1928. Thus far the series looks extremely promising. The emphasis is on the music and not only that of Menuhin. How splendid to hear the sounds of his boyhood heroes. Heifetz and Kreisler, so rarely heard anywhere on radio nowadays.

Colleagues who report the criminal courts will be relieved to know that there is little risk of the luncheon recess being delayed on Wednesdays for the next five weeks. Chambers (Radio 4) is a new lunchtime comedy series which takes the legal profession to the cleaners. John Bird stars as John

Fuller Carp, a ruthless head of chambers who is determined to become a QC. In this pursuit Carp does not so much confront moral dilemmas as eave his spectacles at home ir order not to see them. No wonder there are so many lawyers in the House of Commons.

The comedic tensions are provided by Carp's naive assistant, played by James Fleet. and Lesley Sharpe as Ruth Quirke, who joins the chambers intent on overhauling the entire legal system. The script is by Clive Coleman, a barrister and law lecturer, so he should know.

PETER BARNARD

# Charming Smoke

Jame Lawson, 18: A very gente, charming film. Well-shot with wonderful dialogue. Jenry Dawson, 20: This was one if the most unusual films I've een for some time. Really good enhanced by Harvey Keitl and William Hurt's

great performances. Thomas Stevens, 18: Uneventful, eel-good movie. Although the acting was superb, it was tritt and a little dull.

Chis Rushbrook, 18: Enjoyabl. — simply but effectively

UNZIPPED Janie: I don't usually like documentary films, but this was an exception. The number of stars that appeared was

anazing.

Jemy: It provides an inspiring and frantic insight into the



world of fashion. This modelfilled movie was fast and witty and well worth seeing. Thomas: There were funny moments and the film was well directed, but on the whole it wasn't particularly interest-

ing or likeable. Chris You have to know something about the fashion people in New York to fully understand it. The idea of mixing monochrome and colour didn't really work, but the use of old clips was groovy!

#### CONCERT

#### On the Holloway road

LONDON has heard two major orchestral premieres a week apart. Robin Holloway's Third Concerto for Orchestra, launched at the Barbican on Tuesday in the wake of an important new John Casken piece at the Festival Hall, was on first hearing the less interesting of the two, though one performance of such an ambitious 45-minute piece is no basis for final judgment.

Few performances are likely to be more persuasive, however. The London Symphony Orchestra gave its consider-able best to Michael Tilson Thomas, who conducted with impressive control. He found plenty of atmospheric effects in the scoring - for large orchestra with prominent perLSO/Tilson Thomas

frozen in the tundra, the

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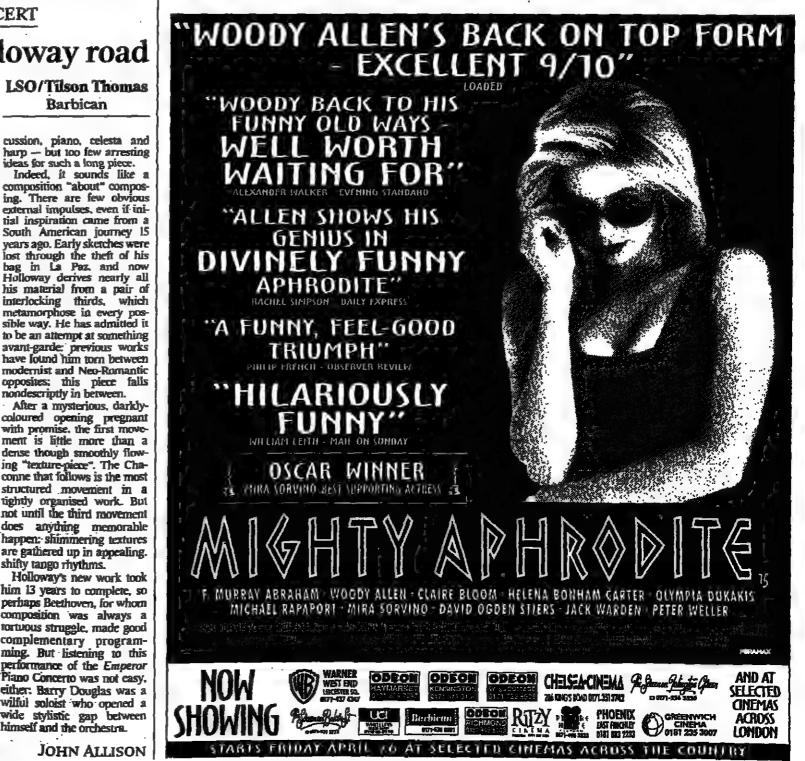
ideas for such a long piece. Indeed, it sounds like a composition "about" composing. There are few obvious external impulses, even if initial inspiration came from a South American journey 15 years ago. Early sketches were lost through the theft of his bag in La Paz, and now Holloway derives nearly all his material from a pair of interlocking thirds, which metamorphose in every possible way. He has admitted it to be an attempt at something avant-garde: previous works have found him torn between modernist and Neo-Romantic

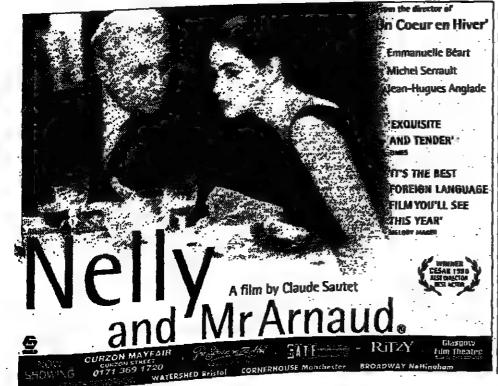
After a mysterious, darklycoloured opening pregnant with promise, the first movement is little more than a dense though smoothly flow ing "texture-piece". The Cha-conne that follows is the most structured movement in a tightly organised work. But not until the third movement does anything memorable happen: shimmering textures are gathered up in appealing. shifty tango rhythms.

nondescriptly in between.

Holloway's new work took him 13 years to complete, so perhaps Beethoven, for whom composition was always a tortuous struggle, made good complementary programming. But listening to this performance of the Emperor Piano Concerto was not easy. either: Barry Douglas was a wilful soloist who opened a wide stylistic gap between himself and the orchestra.

JOHN ALLISON





■ CHOICE 1

Mike Nichols makes his British stage debut at the National

VENUE: In preview at the Cottesloe



■ CHOICE 2

Niamh Cusack opens the RSC Stratford season in As You Like It

VENUE: In preview at the Royal Shakespeare





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TARTUFRE Ian McDermed and Torri TARTUFFE Is McCorned and Ton hollander, with Peggy Mount for good measure in Jonathan Kerl s production of Mollers's tart comedy on religious folities: Almedda, Armeda St. Ni. (0171-368 4404) Previews begin tonight, Spirr. mars Sat 4pm Opens Apr 23, 7pm Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mai Sat 4pm (§)

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GLASGOW: A storm-and-polly type of recital from the popular German violinist Anne-Sophile Mutter who is accompanied by Lambert Orus on the piano. The programme includes works. by Brahms, Banck, Beethoven. by pramins, barrick, peerstreet, Wernawsto and De Sarsaale, including the sizzing Carmen lantasy Reyal Concert Hell. Sauchushell Street. 62 (1014):227 55111 Tonight, 8pm. Tomorrow Lendon, Barocan Q

MININGER THE larger form Mark Arreley yours the equilibrit Scottish Chamber Orchestra in a sequence of works by Schubert and Britten Iver Bolion conducts, flushed after his success in guidang the BBC Young Musicians of the Year final Cueen's Hall Clerk Street (0131-668 2019). Tongin, 7 45pm LEICHTER Hower Bener's livest rework on a classic fest comes up with (Uncle) Varrya in which the lamous gunshol does not miss its larget, and

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ballerina (Moira Shearer) and her jealous, Svengali-like impresario (Anton Walbrook). But the strength of

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al bozos under an evil sorcerer's thumb. Paul Anderson's noisy action movie at least moves along and keeps a self-mocking tone, though with Christopher Lambert's laidback guru you photography lend a Germanic gloom,

never know how much humour is and the cast is fascinating: Karloff planned and how much accidental. Available to rent.

THE GHOUL Carlton, U. 1933 BORIS KARLOFF returned from his horror triumphs in America to make this slow-moving British chiller about an Egyptologist who believes a jewel holds the key to eternal life. Alfred Junge's sets and Gunther Krampf's aside, you get Ernest Thesiger. Cedric Hardwicke and, in his film debut, Ralph Richardson.

End of illusions: ideological splits in the Left lead to savage confrontation in Ken Loach's Land and Freedon

**THE SWITCHBOARD** OPERATOR Connoisseur, U. 1967

DUSAN MAKAVEJEV was the bright hope of Yugoslav cinema in the late 1960s. making provocative films bouncing with political analysis and the absurdity of life. This is his second.

tracing the tragi-comic affair bettern a liberated telephone girl and her pore. conservative lover, a sanitary inpector. Makavejev loves the collage effect, and flings into the story lecture on criminology, sex and rat-catcing, newsreel lootage and erotic painings: The mix is still stimulating, thought is hard to escape melancholy thoughts about the subsequent fate of Yunsia-via and the director's decline in elle.

GEOFF BROWN

#### NEW CLASSICAL CDS: Haydn's surprise; recognition for Ethel Smyth; 50 years of the WNO

#### CHAMBER

Hilary Finch

■ HAYDN Quartets Op 33 Quatuor Mosaiques Auvidis Astree E 8569★★★ HAYDN touted his six Op 33

Quartets on a special subscription offer as they were written "in a new and special way". He had to do his own marketing, of course, but it had been nearly ten years since his last set, and these new works certainly held a surprise or two. The Quatuor Mosaiques, with their period instruments, offer three of the six here and, in countless details of accepting, phrusing and timing, they really do make the unexpected in Haydn's writing feel truly unpredictable once again.

Everything seems a surprise in the Third Quartet: a dark-hued Scherzo after a buoyant opening movement turns to the harmonic new dawn of the slow movement

style in the Fifth Quarter, and the stop-start finale which earned the Second Quartet its nickname. "The Joke". ORCHESTRAL

before the presto pirouetting

of the finale. Here, too, is the

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#### **Barry Millington**

■ SMYTH Serenade: Concerto for Violin. Horn and Orchestra Langdon/Watkins/BBC Philharmonic/Martinez Chandos CHAN 9449\*\*\*

IF THE music of Ethel Smyth has been taken increasingly seriously over recent years. it is thanks in no small measure to the endeavours of the conductor Odaline de la Martinez. Her performance of the opera The Wreckers at the Proms a season or two ago was a landmark and now she presents two more of Smyth's

works in premiere recordings. The Serenade in D was the work with which Smyth first appeared before English audi-

ences in 1890 - she had been studying in Leipzig, first at the Conservatoire and then privately with Heinrich von Herzogenberg. A chief influence on Smyth at this time was undoubtediv Brahms: she had met and been encouraged by him. The Serenade belongs to the world of the Brahms Serenades and Second Symphony: its textures glow, with radiant strings infused by horns. Marrinez and the BBC Philharmonic canture that elfulgence, aided by a typically spacious sound from the Chandos engineers.

The Concerto for Violin. Horn and Orchestra is a much later piece (1927). The outer movements are bolder conceptions than the Serenade, more ambitious, though the lyricism is still there, especially in the solo writing - Sophie Langdon (violin) and Richard Watkins (horn) both play with consummate eloquence and skill. The central Adagio is a tender, heartwarming movement. It is good to have these works in the catalogue, and in

such fine performances.

#### OPERA ... John Higgins

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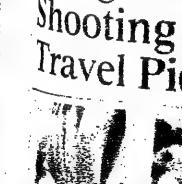
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OPERA: Sterling performances cannot save WNO's half-baked production; a cautious debut at the Garden

# Victorian Faust bedevilled by design Welsh National Opera

has had the bright idea of performing Tuesday's fiftieth anniversary production of Goundd's opera in the near-contemporary — 1864 — English translation by Henry Chorley. To hear such legendary lines as "All hail, thou dwelling pure and lowly". familiar from countless old recordings, is really rather charming, and of course the Victorian syntax fits Gounod's music like a glove. This practice could well spread, though some even earlier versions, such as the famous Freischütz with its whence gottest thou such wondrous balls?", might need tactful editing for today's

Sadly WNO has not quite come up with an 1860-ish per

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Faust New, Cardiff

formance to match. Sir Charles Mackerras plainly loves the score -- could any musician fail - and revels in its rich sonorities, its wealth of melody, its unashamed sentiment. At times his love carries him away: he both lingers unduly over the more glutinous moments, and tends to hurry the sprightlier numbers — the Kermesse chorus and the Waltz go at breakneck speeds, allowing little opportunity for shapely phrasing or nuance. There is little Gallic fragrance or delicacy to his reading, and the fat, juicy sound he draws from the orchestra drags the music forward by about 40 years, nearer

Mahler than that of Gounod. This has an effect on the singing The chorus, especially, sing loud, and then louder - impressive, but there is opportunity for more light and shade. Some of the principals, too, might sing even more expressively were they not so conscious of the barrage of sound to be surmounted. Jason Howard's Valentine, sung at a steady double forte, is case in point, and his tone growing worryingly dry and

Janice Watson, a soprano who really sings words, makes a lovely

Margarita: Mackerras was at his most considerate in the Jewel Song, nursing her through a wittily thrown-off account of this barely defensible showpiece, and she found plenty of good, solid tone for the

Church Scene and final trio. Paul Charles Clarke (Faust) virtually disarmed all criticism with his mezzoforte top C diminuendo-ing down to nothing in "All hail" - a moment of pure magic - but I trust he will find more variety of dynamic as the run progresses, and drop his new mannerism of cutting off loud notes with a sort of glottal stop (leave that kind of thing to Pavarotti on a bad night). Alastair Miles, after years of singing the

sort of roles even young basses are priests, heavy fathers

and so on - theroughly enjoyed wrapping himself round Mephistopheles in an instinctively stylish performance. Oh dear, the production. Christo-pher Alden's WNO Turandot, inter-

esting in parts, led me to remark esting in parts, led me to remark that "he who strives may be forgiven", little suspecting how much would need to be forgiven, and how soon. This Faust, in plug-ugly decor by Bruno Schwengl, locked like a sly parody of bad "concept" stagings. Cliché was piled on clichethiny black costumes all prand shiny black costumes all round. long-haired wigs making everyone look like Irish setters. zombie-like slow motion, especially when the

The tiny role of Martha (Susan Gorton) was mysteriously beefed up she became Mephisto's accomplice, Margarita's midwife and executioner. Siebel (Joanne Edworthy, miscast) had to drag half a tree on stage, not a bouquet. Margarita walked on water. Wow! ideas proposed in the programme — a Grimes-ish persecution scenario, a rueful fallen-angel persona for Methisto - were not put across in the staging. To call it all half-baked would be a stander on culinary art.

RODNEY MILNES



Faust as cliche: Janice Watson (front) as Margarita and Alastair Miles as an "instinctively stylish" Mephistopheles in WNO's staging

the title role, Arabella, the gentle Strauss-Hofmannsthal comedy of Viennese the box office. But this Covent Garden revival has turned out a success and credit is due to Mark Elder. At the Coliseum he showed himself a fine Strauss conductor and his Arabella at the other place now puts a triple underlining on

that reputation. The right measure of sugar is sprinkled on the waltzes, Arabelia's supreme self-confidence amidst her tatly family is lyrically conveyed. The orchestra is finally unleashed in the stormy prelude to Act 111, reflecting Mandryka's furious journey to the hotel of his bride-to-be.

THIS is the second Miss Julie to have been staged in London within two

weeks, and the fifth to have hit the capital in the past 18 months, a

revival rate high enough to demand

an explanation. Could the reason be that Strindberg addresses the contra-dictions of gender — a fashionable subject nowadays — as robustly as he

does the everlasting complexities of

class? Maybe; but I think it more

likely that actresses itch to perform

the "half-woman, half-man" at the

play's centre, and producers are only

too happy to indulge them. After all,

they need only pay for one set, three performers, and maybe a few extras

to rampage across the stage when the

Count's valet Jean is seducing his

By all accounts, you would not know from Polly Teale's revival of the

play at the Young Vic that it was once

regarded as an example of pioneering naturalism. You certainly would not suspect from this Nick Philippou

production for the Actors Touring

Company that Strindberg's preface

to Miss Julie is a locus classicus of

naturalist theory. Everything about

the piece, from characterisation to

dialogue to ideas to stage furniture,

daughter, Julie herself.

# Shade steps warily into the limelight

Arubella current mood. So Covent Garden there was a full

bouse for this performance, which brought the American soprano. Ellen Shade, in for her Garden debut. She is big-boned, with the saucer eyes of that famed Arabella. Kiri Te Kanawa: she carries herself and her mid-19th century costumes well; but she lacks the vocal radiance for the role and especially the flash of girlish exu-

In a cautious performance, where she was at pains to prevent her voice splaying in the upper register. Shade was at her best in the central act. The brief duet, pledging love to Mandryks, was tenderly done and her dismissal of the three suitors. with a farewell waltz apiece, properly imperious. Quite right too: the

the revival. But Shade lacks the vocal artillery for the closing scene, designed to sweep Mandryka and the whole audience off their collec-

Around her are outstanding performances from the likes of Stafford Dean, as a Father up to his epaulettes in gambling debts; Christiane Oelze, who makes an alluring Zdenka, and Herbert Lipperi as Matteo, a young bullock in the Viennese old china shop.

But towering over all is Wolfgang Brendel's Mandryka. As he prepares Arabella for the Croatian forests, he might even persuade her that there is indeed a world beyond

JOHN HIGGINS

POP

#### Heaven, if not Nirvana

DESPITE being based in Seattle and recording three al-bums between 1988 and 1993, the Posies were never considered to be part of the grunge scene. It is surprising that any Seattle-based band could remain so unaffected by that particular era, much less one like the Posies, who have an almost Nirvana-like gift for playing highly melodic but ultra-heavy guitar pop.

Built around singer-guitar-ists Jon Auer and Ken

The Posies Astoria 2, WC2

Stringfellow, the Posies seem to change their rhythm section every time they make a new album. For their fourth and latest. Amazing Disgrace, they recruited bassist Joe Skyward and drummer Brian Young. who kept to the back of the stage while Auer and Stringfellow took it in turns to

sing lead vocals.

First, Auer sang the freefloating Dream all Day, one of the highlights of the 1993 album, Frosting On The Beat er. Then Stringfellow sang Ontario, the first of several songs from Amazing Disgrace. The new songs revealed a rockier, more hard-edged side to the Posies, with Daily Mutilation. in particular, revolving around a huge grind-

ing riff.
All four members of the band were dressed in blue Tshirts bearing the name Scottish hand fronted by Eugene O'Neill who, despite being an acknowledged influence on Kurt Cobain, has managed to remain even less well-known than the Posies. O'Neill was rewarded when Stringfellow dedicated Earlier than Expected to his band, its singalong harmonies and noisy hail of guitars demonstrating exactly what O'Neill, Cobain and the Posies themselves have in common.

They finished the set with four of their most gloriously melodic songs, including the much requested Solar Sister. On a night like this, the Posies' barrage of noise and Beatle-style melodies provided the perfect link between grunge and Britpop.

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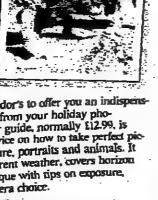


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MONTREAL'S Les Grands Ballets Canadiens may come from one of the most chauvinistic cities in the world, but the company is truly international. Just look at the repertoire it brings on its current British tour, Mark Morris, William Forsythe, Kevin O'Day, Hans van Manen, Jiri Kylian, Nacho Duato: not a Canadian among them. It is an impressive line-up of work - and much of it is new to this

> The feather in his cap must be the commissioning of Mark Morris. one of the hottest choreographers in the business. The American has made

Lawrence Rhodes, should be

congratulated for nurturing

such a healthy mix in his

## Out of the gender blender THEATRE

Miss Julie Gate, W11

was meant to owe much more to gritty reality than to tradition and theatrical convention.

But here the kitchen in which the play occurs has become a weird aluminium cell. There is a door at the back through which yellow light glares, and scrims to the side behind which grotesque figures may some-times be seen. Peter Lindford's Jean is glimpsed more or less raping Kate Fenwick's Julie after a not-inappropriate prelude of loud bangs. Indeed, bangs are the least of the atmosphere-building noises on offer. We also get heavy breathing, clangs, rumbles, sinister gurgles, the sound of a radio being ineptly tuned, and electronic screeches, whistles, creaks,

plonks and growls galore. This is not exactly raw realism as Strindberg received it from Zola. The acting is deliberately over-the-top too. There are times when Fenwick and

especially. Lindford seem to be harking back to the very flamboyance of style the naturalists wanted to replace. Take me away from this filth I'm sinking into, she wails after her seduction as she slides, eyes mad and hands pumping, down the wall to the ground. As for him, he twitches and squirms with febrile servility. more the hunted Uriah Heep or even the cornered Quasimodo than a macho Jeeves going through a chal-

lenging time.

Still, yesterday's realism is today's artificiality, and maybe Strindberg's original performers were more exotic must admit that both actors grew on me as the evening rolled to its grim conclusion. They did, after all, combine huge emotional commitment with constant hints of the sexual doubts and social insecurities working away inside them. Do they miss some of the play's psychological subtleties? Yes: but they also release Strindberg from over-literal, over-scrupulous interpretation of his own dramatic ideas.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**



Not as nature intended? Kate Fenwick and Peter Lindford in Miss Julie

DANCE: An eclectic and electric programme bounces in from Montreal International mix and match

two works for Les Grands Ballets; the second received its London premiere on Tuesday night. Quincunx, as its name implies, is inspired by mathematical formation. By using country. The artistic director. nine dancers instead of eight.

> are where the beauty and wit of this delightful ballet lie. These are classically trained dancers and the language Morris uses is theirs, but his is a relaxed approach to disci-

Morris is able to group them

asymmetrically; the double-

sided perspectives he achieves

pline. He ex-Les Grands pects his per-**Ballets Canadiens** formers to bubble and Sadler's Wells

bounce as they leap into his springing jetés. The troupe all those years dancing for dances Quincunx well, although I suspect they would be even happier with a live rendition of Donizetti to bol-

ster their ebullience. Kevin O'Day's Principia is another work dancers should love. Set to music by Steve Martland (again taped), it is a

slick and snappy series of dances for four couples. It should be -after spending

Twyla Tharp, O'Day must have learnt a thing or two about nimble and sophisticated choreography. His own style is breezy rather than brazen, well suited to the

the Montreal troupe.

two at Sadler's Wells) also featured a short duet for two men by the Israeli choreographer Itzik Galili. Exploring the contrasting facets of a male relationship, Double Time also proved - when it finally got going - to be an

Hans van Manen's Black Cake, on the other hand, turned out to be not at all interesting. It was created to slightly modest demeanour of celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Nederlands Dans The-The programme (the first of ater in 1989. You can tell that it

is a party: the women are in high heels and black sequinned frocks: a waiter brings champagne. But the choreographed interplay between couples is banal; a comic routine between mismatched dancers only reminds one that Kenneth MacMillan did it better in Elite Syncopations, and the protracted drunk scene at the end (accompanied by Massenet's Meditation) provided a ludicrous and irritating finale to what had been an evening of choreographic felicity.

that this was the only piece to feature live music - the wonderful Royal Ballet Sin-

And what a shame it was

DEBRA CRAINE

# Malcolm Bradbury admires John Updike's ambitious chronicle of America's moral and metaphysical history in the 20th century

Between God and Hollywood

John Updike - who started La out as the grand master of the finessed short story, and a perfect New Yorker miniaturist has become, over more than 40 books, the great chronicler of contemporary America. Back in 1908 Couples daringly summoned up the sexual and religious crisis of the day, against the background of a darkening history which brought a touch of despair to the perfect, sensual couples of his earlier stories. By this date too he had already begun his "Rabbit" series of novels which - over four volumes, 30 years in the writing became the story of an imperfect, ordinary, very human American hero whose life told the tale of a

whole disappointed generation. An even larger intention underpins In the Beauty of the Lilies. which is in many respects Updike's most ambitious novel yet. Heavily researched and documented, it is the story of four generations of an American Protestant family, manifestly meant as the story of the moral and metaphysical history of America itself. It starts on a spring day in

Patterson, New Jersey, just outside

New York City, where, even as

Mary Pickford is making a silent historical movie for Griffith, and falling off her horse in the process, a Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Clarence Wilmot, who has exposed himself to the modern forces of reason and science, sickeningly feels the draining away of his religious faith.

IN THE BEAUTY OF

THE LILIES

By John Updike

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Honorably resigning his very comfortable vocation, Wilmot becomes an ineffectual salesman of popular encyclopaedias in a Patterson now suffering a still-famous strike in its silk-mills, the defeat of which marked a triumph for modern American capitalism. He soon becomes a defeated, forsaken figure, haunting the movie houses

Influenced by his father's fail-

Tommy rejects the chance of life in booming commercial Twenties Manhattan, choosing instead the path of minimal damage". He retreats with the family to

become a mailman in the small-town of Basingstoke, Delaware, finally marrying the club-footed daughter of a market gardener. Movies, too, are

But for an understanding of

the equally potent Arab case as

to why annexed east Jerusa-

lem should become capital of a future Palestinian state and

the reason why millions of Muslims profess a willingness

to fight a jihad to bring that about, other works are re-

quired. Gilbert's publishers do

the best way out of Delaware. Their lively, energetic daughter Essie does a spell of dubious modelling in New York, and eventually makes it to Hollywood, where she becomes a beautiful screen god-dess (Alma DeMott) playing opposite Gable and Crosby. As post war history unrolls — the super-power age, the Eisenhower years,



John Updike: sensitive to the sensuality of everyday life

tarnished ingenue to big-screen harlot, making many marriages. growing more obsessed by her mage, telling through her movie performances the story of her own and America's ageing.

The cycle is completed by her one son, Clark. A neglected Hollywood brat. he inherits his grandorado's hippy skidrawn into a fundamentalist religious community, run by a charismatic who wes much to David Koresh, and

becomes the sect's PR man. God has returned to America with a millennialist vengeance; the story ends with a government siege and the torching of in a good num-

Updike has explored the fate of faith and its secular alternatives in his religious nation, founded on Protestant dreams and still seeking new Utopias. This is his most ambitious vision of the subject yet, exploring, in the big scale, the spirit of a secularising nation in which divine promises are con-

the Reverend Wilmor's pained and yet clear-minded understanding of the modern challenge to faith and Jessie Smith's vengeful and paranoid Utopia is a measure of the distance travelled, and of the contemporary confusions of the American dream.

Updike is here the grand chronicler; he's a devout local chronicler as well. He once said the impulse of his writing was towards "in-stinctive realism" and now his work has become almost Victorian

Once his writer's sensuality largely went into the world of couples, and their couplings. Now it spreads into the physical stuff of daily existence the stained glass windows of a presbytery, its staircases and knotted newel posts, the savour of a Twenties drugstore, the motion on a trolleycar filled street, the hard work of a market garden, all get his best attention. The research is loving. solid. Oddly, the driest and least convincing segment is about Hollywood and the movie industry; the finest, most felt scenes are those of Wilmot's religious crisis. which come alive as the crisis of a

generation and an age.

Modernist critics used to condemn the extended family saga as the "burgher novel", a traditional and Victorian form. Yet several writers of our generation - Rub-ertson Davies, for instance - have revived it, finding it a living way to explore the equation of history, social detail and the evolution of moral existence in a fast-changing

n this sense Updike - a writer of enormous skills, capable of a wide range of forms - has reverted to something that is classic and traditional in the novel. and some admirers will no doubt prefer earlier and more flambouant books. But In the Beauty of the Lilies - the title comes from The Battle Hymn to the Republic -is also a novelist's lovingly regis-tered, epical narrative of a 20th century America caught between God and celluloid dreams, Victorian certainty and modern doubt, the new humanism and a grim millennial rage. It takes its place among his finest books

# Struggle to be at ease in Zion

there is no place which arouses such deep, fanatical feelings as does .lerusalem," observed a former deputy mayor of the holy city. Meron Benvenisti. "There is no other place where one feels the iragedy of two nations fighting for their homeland more than in Jerusalem ... He who decides to judge between the two sides must remember that only in fairy-tales is one side all good and the other all bad."

For these reasons, no other capital so small that some cutsiders (notably Jewish residents of Tel Aviv) refer to it as such a dazzling array of chroniclers. The latest to join a line which in the past 30 years has seen distinguished contributions from authors as varied as Saul Bellow, Colin Thubron and Amos Elon. is Sir Martin Gilbert, famous as the biographer of one of Britain's most ardent, non-Jewish Zionists,

Winston Churchill. Gilbert makes no bones about his own identification with the Zionist cause, while taking Benvenisti - whom he quotes at length - to heart by not trying to disguise some of the uglier aspects of Israel's struggle to retain control over what most politicians claim is

Christopher Walker

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its "eternal and undivided" capital. We learn that the young Gilbert first arrived in 1971 and two years later was performing the unenviable task, undertaken by a number of Jewish student volunteers. of going to break the news to parents bereaved in the 1973

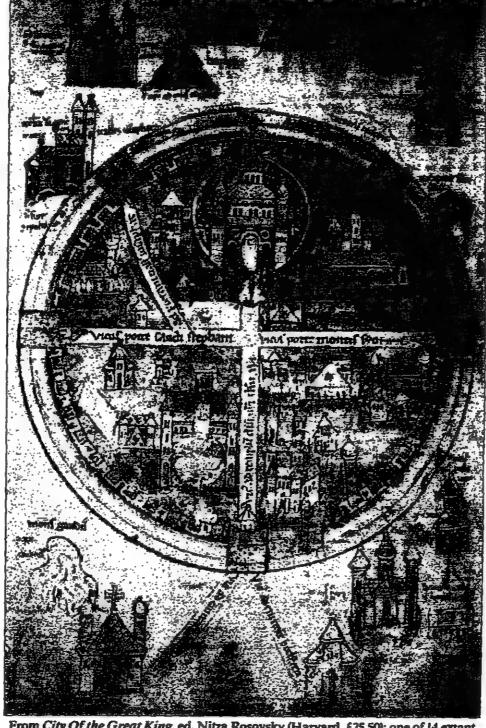
cation less than a month before negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem are due to open between Israel and the Palestinians, the final part of Gilbert's fascinating and admirably readable twovolume history is essential and enjoyable background material. Anyone wanting to understand the Jewish side of arguments that are certain to grab headlines and could, if not resolved, threaten another war more dangerous than the five already fought since the foundation of the Jewish state 48 years ago, is recommended

him a disservice by linking his richly sourced history with the overhyped Jerusalem 3,000 celebrations, a shabby public relations stunt ignored by most of the world and even shunned by many Jews. Supposedly celebrating the 3,000th anniversary of the founding of the kingdom of David, even the date 1996 is Yom Kippur War. Impeccably timed for publiwidely disputed. Gilbert gives the game away when he reveals that similar third millennium celebrations were held in 1953-54. ilbert's Jerusalem in the 20th Centu-

ny is at its unhappiest when he dons his propagandist's hat and uses shamelessly selective quotations to back his advocacy of continued Israeli sovereignty over east Jerusalem, conquered from Jordan in 1967, and still unrecognised by all but a handful of governments (which is why all the major embassies are an hour's drive away in Tel Aviv). The book is at its best, and in my experience, unmatched

for sheer breadth of acutely observed historical detail. when charting the breathtaking pace of events from the through the British mandate and the ruthless terrorist campaign against it by two Jewish underground groups — each including a future Israeli Prime Minister — to the bloody birth of the state and the continuing violence, despite the faint rays of hope prompted by the 1993 peace accord, between Israel and the

As well as dealing with the political and religious aspects of the Jerusalem question, Gilbert employs his masterly



From City Of the Great King, ed. Nitza Rosovsky (Harvard, £25.50): one of 14 extant Crusader maps showing the streets of 12th-century Jerusalem in the form of a cross

control over anecdote and prodigious researching energies (or perhaps those of his embalmed majesty of Thebes, wife, Susie) to produce a compulsive portrait of life there at different periods of the 20th century.

He records the hilarity engendered when the British decided to move Government House to the unfortunatelynamed Hill of Evil Counsel, so called because Judas had sold Jesus there for 30 pieces of silver. He quotes the first British military governor of Jerusalem, Colonel Ronald Storrs, who captured the city's

the abandon of Ferrara, or the melancholy of Ravenna," he confided to his diary in 1917. But something past yet unalloyed and throbbing, that seems to confound ancient and modern, and to undate record-

Although the two recent Islamic suicide bombs were too late for inclusion, Gilbert has the perspicacity to grasp the significance of what is perhaps the ugliest phenomenon in the Arab-Jewish vioevery chapter. He quotes the Palestinian recruiter in a similar attack in 1995 as telling his interrogators cynically: "Hamas does not waste senior members with proven military successes on suicide missions. Our suicide bombers are merely human fuses replacing chemical or electrical

While recognising the extraordinary passions pro-voked by the city immortalised for Israelis in the haunting song Jerusalem of Gold, Gil-bert provides little reassur-ance that they can be

# Putting on the brakes

lan Kundera has established himself in the West as both a highly popular and a highly admired writer. His curious blend of Czech brashness, sexual explicitness and 18th-century cool has endeared itself to a public frightened of the supposed auster-ities of High Modernism and bored by novels still written as though nothing had happened, in the world or in the history of the form, since Dickens and Thackeray.

Kundera has been living in Paris for a considerable time now, and has been criticised in his native country for his apparent lack of interest in publicly standing up to com-munism and his determinstion to remain an exile. But Kundera is more like Nabokov than like Havel or Grass, aloof, ironic, drawing on Kafka, Broch and Musil as well as the 18th century in his battle against bad faith in both the

public and the private realms. His last book, Immortality, was much his best, and it is no coincidence that it was the first to be set in his adopted, not his in Lolita, the struggle to come to terms with an alien world led to a new openness, a new generosity, both moral and formal. The present book, though, his first novel to be written in French, is a major

disappointment. Driving with his wife to a country hotel, an old château, the author becomes aware of the mania for speed that seems to seize the French when they motorbike. Arrived at the hotel. he meditates on the contrast between this modern phenomenon and the 18thcentury quest for slowness. More than a quest, an entire philosophy. And he recalls a story by an 18th-century writer about a night of love, set in this very same château and its grounds, where the refusal of immediate consummation is precisely the point, a work

both erotic and wise. He lets his mind wander over the character and deeds of various Frenchmen he knows, and recalls another story about a night spent in a château, this time in the course of a meeting of an entomologists' convention, which rea-ches its climax in a farcical series of erotic encounters. We move in and out of the 18th Gabriel Josipovici

SLOWNESS By Milan Kundera Faber, £12.99

and 20th century narratives, in and out of the mind of the author and his wife as they settle in until the moment

when they leave the next day, The book starts promisingly enough, with its meditation on speed and slowness, but, as so often with Kundera, his desire to have it both ways, to tickle the reader with the promise of sexual high-jinks and at the same time to distance himself ironically from such writing, backfires. The



Kundera: aloof and ironic

farce, bereft of ideas or feel-

ings. It is not so much offensive as tedious, even though it is barely over 100 pages long.

In immortality Kundera's admirable gift for revealing the bad faith behind all romantic posturings was offset by his own awareness of the complexity of human character and his evident love for some of the people he had invented. Here there is nothing but coldness and distaste. and his desire to have the reader see the book as a latterday Rasselas or Les Bijoux Indiscrets only draws attention to the gulf between him-

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self and Johnson and Diderot. To say that Linda Asher's translation doesn't help matters is an understatement, I have never come across a book more badly translated. It is an absolute disgrace and Faber should ask themselves how they ever let it see the light of day in this form.

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# Wanted: spoons, porter, Bible

TWO DAYS after his wedding. Coleridge wrote to his friend, the publisher Joseph Cottle, asking him to furnish a list of household requirements. On the list, between "two large tin spoons" and "a keg of porter", he asks for a Bible. Religion, as much as food and drink, was part of the fabric of his life.

Criticism of the poet disregards this at its own peril. Ted Hughes admits it only to regurgitate the conventional view of Coleridge as a man Choice of Coleridge's Verse he posits a Christian Coleridge and a Pagan Coleridge, and tries to explain all in terms of their conflict.

His method is to seize on a few of the metaphors which Coleridge employed to define his thought and to relate those metaphors to "the cult of the Female in religious tradition". More supernatural biology than literary criticism. full of stuff about shamans and cauldrons and orifices, alligators in rut and other lust-mad giant reptiles, the result is not

Robert Nye A CHOICE OF

COLERIDGES VERSE Edited and Introduced by Ted Hughes Faber, £7.99, paperback original COLERIDGE Selected Poems

**Edited by Richard** 

Holmes

HarperCollins, £20

so much Xanadu as Jurassic Park. Certainly it tells more about Hughes than it does about Coleridge. No credit is iven to Robert Graves's The White Goddess (1948), though

its shadow lies on every page. Hughes follows fashion by insisting that Coleridge's best work was done between 1797 and 1798, ignoring the fact that The Rime of the Ancient Mariner did not reach its final form until 1817 and that even Kubla Khan was probably being altered as late as 1816. Containing only 27 poems, his

selection concentrates on the "visionary" Coleridge and more or less ignores the Coleridge of the confessional and conversational poems.

Textually unreliable, the book omits the last lines of The Pains of Sleep, so readers will not hear one of the most moving and revealing of Coleridge's cries: "To be beloved is all I need./ And whom I love. I love indeed".

Richard Holmes's Coleridge: Selected Poems is a more serious piece of work. Holmes has been engaged for a decade on a biography of Coleridge - the second volume is due to appear next year. This selection grew naturally out of his research on that biography. He tells us how he carried photocopied poems about with him in a battered folder which became a "private, travelling edition of what I loved best and what intrigued me most about Cole-

ridge's haunting work".
Briefly, Holmes wants to transform Coleridge's reputation by means of this selection of 101 poems, thematically arranged, and find him a new generation of resders who will appreciate him whole, not just as an opium-inspired dreamer. Holmes knows what he is up against: "Young readers do not like the idea of the Roman-

tic poet growing old."
But then Coleridge knew this too, and time after time made poems from "the troubling visitations of the young self upon the old self", as well as from other awarenesses of his own shortcomings. This selection reveals him again as a great poet in many moods and modes, not neglecting any aspect of his protean genius, while Holmes's prefaces to each section and notes at the back on individual poems can be read as an essay as good as any on the subject.

Spoons, porter, Bible: here is Coleridge in graspable form. Unlike Hughes, it includes the first draft of Dejection: An Ode in the shape of that wonderful Letter to Sara Hutchinson - 338 lines composed during a single stormy night of April 1802, and only discovered in this century.



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# To do our duty from an English dorm to dusk

Michael Sissons on a sensitive examination of three lives overshadowed by war and their ideals of service

n the title of The Fatal Englishman is an implicit riddle. Ostensibly, Sebastian Faulks's compelling and stunningly written triple biography offers separate accounts of the lives of three young Englishmen in this century. They were of successive generations, and they all died young. But, while suggesting links in his preface. Faulks invites us to contemplate what constitutes a fatal Englishman. Most readers will be intrigued to determine their own vision of what unites these characters. I can only offer mine.

"In the spring of 1921 a beautiful young Englishman set off for Paris to secome the greatest painter the world had ever seen." This was Christopher Wood, 19 years old. He had been at two public schools, Marlborough and Malvern, and over him, as over all his generation, lay the terrible shadow of the boys who had gone from those schools to the trenches.

He was from a conventional Edwardian family, and his father, a medical officer throughout the war. viewed with alarm his ambition to be a painter. In Paris, through the salon of Alphonse Kahn, he met many of the artistic talents assembled there after the war. He embarked on an affair with a Chilean diplomat, Antonio de Gandarillas, which proved the only constant emotional attachment of his life.

He fell in love with opium, thanks to Jean Cocteau, who encouraged him to believe in his talent as a painter. He was commissioned by Diaghilev to design the ballet Romeo and Juliet. None of this deterred him from falling in love with Meraud Guinness, a dilettante painter whose family viewed with horror her engagement to Wood and took urgent steps to nip it in the bud.

The story of these shenanigans is richly comic, including the inconvenient interruption of a piles operation for Gandarillas. Returning to London in 1926 Wood was an opium addict, and Meraud had been headed off at the pass by her family to marry one Alvaro Guevara, famous as "a drunk, a poser, and a bore". While Wood made a steady reputation as painter, it has surely settled down as something less than "the greatest painter the world has ever seen". He threw himself in front of a train at Salisbury station at the age of 29.

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Richard Hillary was one of the most glamorous and heroic figures of the Second World War. His account of his experience as a Spittire pilot in the Battle of Britain, The Last Enemy, is an enduring contribution to the narrative of combat.

Born of Australian parents, he endured a conventional public school education at Shrewsbury and was at Oxford, joining the university air squadron, when war broke out. His war was a short one. The Battle of Britain picked off its pilots with remorseless probability," and by the time he was terribly burnt in a crash which left him in the North Sea, most of the friends with whom he had

learnt to fly were dead.

It stirred me to read the moving account of Hillary's endless operations at the hands of the plastic surgeon Archibald McIndoe at Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead. My own father was killed

THE FATAL **ENGLISHMAN** by Sebastian Faulks Hutchinson, £16.99



Wood: committed suicide at 29



Hillary: killed flying at 23



Wolfenden: a mysterious death?

in the retreat to Dunkirk. When my mother remartied, my stepfather, who had also joined up from university in 1939, had been terribly injured in the run-up to D-Day and endured 19 operations at East Grinstead: I will never forget the wards full of disfig-

ured airmen. In The Last Enemy Hillary echoed the French fiver St Exupery's talk of "a death of flame and ice". He was desperate to return to active service, but was not fit to fly. Finally he bullied the authorities into allowing him to retrain; on an appalling January night in 1943 he killed his navigator and himself crashing into the ground. "He was only 23 when he died, and he spoke like an old man."

Jeremy Wolfenden was a friend and contemporary of mine. I was not as close to him as some, like Neal Ascherson or Godfrey Hodgson. But

Wilfully, Europeans had ig-nored the success of most Nazi

war criminals in escaping

justice. Only a handful resent-

ed that betrayal of the millions who had died, and among

them was Simon Wiesenthal.

Miraculously, the truculent

Polish Jew had survived four

years in German extermina-tion camps, repeatedly escap-

ing imminent execution by a

mere whisper. After his libera-

tion. Wiesenthal dedicated

himself to Nazi-hunting. "No

Nazi murderer," he said, however old he may be, will

But by 1954, even Wiesen-

thal's doggedness, despite

some notable arrests, was waning. His original Ameri-can benefactors had long de-

napped Eichmann from Ar-

gentina and that sensational

operation was followed by an

epic trial in Jerusalem in 1961.

Attitudes towards the spectre

of unprosecuted Nazi mon-

Responding to the revulsion

spreading across Europe and

America, Wiesenthal publi-

sters were revolutionised.

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be allowed to die in peace."

he was, for me, the brightest of my generation at Oxford.

He was very funny, and there was no vestige of condescension to anyone: a most attractive characteristic in an Oxford dominated by the social and intellectual snobbery of the odious John Sparrow, Warden of Old Souls. He was cheerily, blatantly, and indiscriminately homosexual, while his father was chairing the Government Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution.

I for a time shared a house in Oakley Street with some Oxford friends who included Jeremy. My abiding memory is of the night made hideous by the sounds of crashing crockery from the kitchen as Jeremy wrestled with Canadian sailor picked up in Piccadilly. With the reform of homosexual law

the dominant social theme of the day. Jeremy was a chancer; today the Editor of The Sun might have licked his lips. Jeremy won an All Souls fellowship but went to Moscow for The Daily Telegraph, an appointment at which we looked askance. He was an archetypolly anti-Establishment figure, and foreign assignments

with The Daily Telegraph meant connections with British Intelligence. Faulks is at his best in the hilarious picture that he paints of Wolfenden in Moscow, caught up in the spying case involving Greville Wynne and Oleg Penkovsky in 1962. Drinking heavily, he was set up by the KGB, whose cameras caught him misbehaving in the Hotel Ukraina.

eanwhile, to our surprise, he married an English nanny who was also in Moscow and became implicated in the Wynne trial. He moved to New York then back to Moscow, then to Washington. Was he, we wondered, a British agent, a double agent, or triple agent? He died in 1965, the autopsy suggesting chronic alcohol abuse and death from liver failure.

Some of us have always wondered whether he was done away with by the CIA or the KGB or, given his capacity for irreverence and mischief. conceivably both. He was 31.

What threads can be run between these three short lives? Were they very English lives? I think they were All three had conventional backgrounds against which in varying degree they had rebelled. A shared token of their rebellion was their difficult, often bitter, relationships with their fathers.

It is hard to see Wood fitting into the ranks of the golden generation who died on the Somme. Hillary went to war in observance of those ideals, but by his death had an icy personal detachment from them. Wolfenden was of the Suez generation, as I was. We went to Eton and

in retrospect, Anthony Eden did us a great service with the Suez fiasco in disentangling us from this myth. Indeed, three direct contemporaries of mine at Winchester, whose selfdestruction was chronicled last year in Ved Mehta's book Up At Oxford, might just as easily have been candidates for The Fatal English-



Improbably possible: this freakish toad with eyes in the roof of its mouth is said to have been found in a Canadian garden

# The most amazing journey

improbability Dawkins's title is life itself. To see how improbable life is, you only need consider one molecule from a living body.

Alcohol dehydrogenase is only one of the body's molecules — it detoxifies alcohol. It is an enzyme, and consists of a chain of unit molecules called amino acids; for it to work properly the right amino acids have to be in the right order. An alcohol dehydrogenase molecule might still function if it had one or two wobbly amino acids; but anyone with more than a few deviations would not survive long in places containing civilised amounts of alcohol

There are 20 kinds of amino acid units that can occur in an enzyme. If you picked one at random, the chance that it would be right for the first link in the alcohol dehydrogenase chain would be one in 20. If you hit luck, your chance of then picking the right second amino acid would again be one in 20: the chance of picking both at random is 1/20 x 1/20, or 1/400. And so on, for about 250 amino acids. A one in 20 here, a one in 20 there, and pretty soon you are talking real improbabilities. One in 20 multiplied by itself 250 times is a chance so small that you could have assembled amino acid sequences at random for all the history of the universe and never made alcohol

dehydrogenase. And yet it is only one of many enzymes: about 60,000 enzymes (and related molecules) are needed to build a human body.

Richard Dawkins's new book

aims to explain how life nevertheless is possible. Evolution by natural selection works gradualy over long periods of time. In Dawkins's metaphor of Mount Improbable, the improbable peaks we call

life are reached by climbing in sufficiently large number of small steps. He tackles two main objections. One is

that Darwinism works by chance: in Dawkins's metaphor, it is as if evolution tried to jump to the mountain peak in one leap. The other is that natural selection could not favour the initial stages of complex organs that only work as a finished product: as if the peak were surrounded on all sides by a ravine and a gradual ascent were impossible.

The first is a confusion that remains popular with imperfectly educated physicists, who like to use their self-accredited superior mathematical skills to put woolly-minded biologists in their place. Dawkins quotes some entertaining specimens. He comments: "It is grindingly,

creakingly, crashingly obvious that if Darwinism was really a theory of chance, it could not work." The alleged defect in the theory is really the starting-block problem that the theory is designed to solve.

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For the second objection, Dawkins analyses two examples in detail: the evolution of flight and of the eye. These sections will not only persuade openminded scep-Mark Ridley tics, but also be

**CLIMBING MOUNT** IMPROBABLE by Richard Dawkins Viking, £20

Dawkins is a genius of sci-ence popularisation. If you have not read one of his books before, Climbing Mount Improbable is a wonderful place to begin: it is non-stop mental and literary pleasure. Some of its themes will be familiar to readers of his previous books, but the prose is so enjoyable, and the exposition so superb, that no one will regret revisiting them.

The new book is also distinct in several ways. One is its biological range. The arguments contained in it are not made with odd illustrative examples, but with a delightful range of furry. feathered, buzzing, creeping. and stinging natural history. There are also a great many -

maybe 100 - pictures, one of them rude.

The book is also good on "artificial life", or virtual evolution. Dawkins has helped to inspire the subject, and pioneered research in it. He describes actual work that has been done in the field, on virtual spider webs for instance, and then uses the general philosophy to reconsider the "selfish gene" view of the meaning of life. He begins with computer viruses. The simplest are little more than "duplicate me" programmes; they will automatically spread in certain

kinds of cyber-environment. He ends with elephants. "Like the virus DNA, [elephantine DNA] is fundamentally a Duplicate Me progamme but it contains an almost fantastically large digression as an essential part of the efficient execution of its fundamental message. That digression is an elephant.

" **T** enry More, in 1653. and sheep had only been given life in the first place so as to keep their meat fresh 'till we shall have need to eat them'. But life did not climb Mount Improbable to be useful to us, or for any higher purpose. Life just happens. The mountain is climbed because it is there.

Mark Ridley is a lecturer in biology at Oxford University.

Winchester respectively, schools still educating us to serve an empire which by then barely existed.

was a Fellow of All Souls. Perhaps Faulks believes that his three subjects shared a death wish. At the time of their deaths, there was something morbid about all three. Was this the condition of men living in a world and a century dominated by war, yet confused by the perceptions of duty and service to which they had been educated and whose cloying effects could not be escaped?
For many, it is also to do with the realisation that life can never finally

man. Alasdair Clayre, one of them,

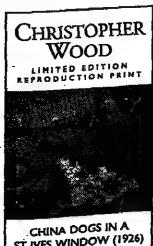
live up to the high expectations of the public school prefect. I remember as one of the best days in my life, early in the 1960s, when I at last felt that we might not have to go to war, as our fathers and grandfathers had done. I know that there was something of the morbid, perhaps also of the fatal Englishman, in me. I hope that at least we are no longer breeding fatal Englishmen.

Michael Sissons is joint chairman of Peters, Fraser and Dunlop

# Simon is a cunning hunter

dolf Eichmann's escape from Germany in 1950 was not surprising. Disinterested governments had long ceased their search for one of the architects of the Holocaust, while the mass murderer himself, supported by a Nazi-funded railine, a sympathetic Vatican bishop and the International Red Cross sailed to liberty in Ar-

Left behind by the murderer was a continent gripped by Cold War fever and anxious to rebuild war-shattered lives.



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Dedicated: Simon Wiesenthal (right) and his wife (centre) at home in Vienna, 1975

parted and his Austrian hosts had enthusiastically reinfected their society by reinstating the cised his hunt for Eichmann, worst Nazis to influential posmons. Poor and obstinately independent, Wiesenthal noted that while Eichmann was certainly alive, there were no clues to his whereabouts. With that, he terminated his unfash-Six years later, everything changed, Israeli agents kid-Eichmanns.

In truth, Wiesenthal had mann's discovery. As he rein self-publicity, those respon-Germany for capturing Eichmann were furious. Their

appearing to invent a contribution to Israel's manhunt. Overnight, bestselling books and Hollywood glorified Wiesenthal as the heroic Nazihunter, transforming him into a focus for those comforted by a (albeit mythical) worldwide dragnet for thousands of other

hardly contributed to Eichopened his Documentation Centre in Vienna and revelled sible in Israel and West

#### Tom Bower

-SIMON WIESENTHAL By Hella Pick Weiderfeld, £20

with Wiesenthal's other critics among the irascible Jewish community in New York transformed Vienna's Avenging Angel into a smouldering controversy.

Quite simply. Wiesenthal never realised the enormity of the injustice he was exposing. Ignorant about the Allied recruitment of incriminated repressed anger combined Nazi scientists, intelligence of-

ficers and politicians, Wiesenthal publicised the mystery but offered few solutions and no analysis. While in Austria he was properly outraged by the Socialist party's pact with former Nazis to retain power, he was silent about the worse cover-up that had happened in

West Germany.
Occasionally, Wiesenthal's international efforts to find Nazi murderers were outstandingly successful - yet he made serious mistakes. His hunts for Martin Bormann and Josef Mengele were major disasters and his criticism of the celebrated French Nazihunters, Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, was tasteless.

His suggestion that the East German regime was "more riddled with Nazis" than West Germany's was manifestly wrong. Worst of all was Wiesenthal's refusal immediately and ourrightly to con-demn Kurt Waldheim for his association with Balkan ITIASSACTOS. Wiesenthal's claim, en-

dorsed by Hella Pick, that there was no evidence that the former UN Secretary-General and Austrian President had committed a war crime, was at best pernickety and at worst an unpardonable own goal. For his critics, in Israel and New York, it confirmed their suspicions of his dishonesty. And yet, as Hella Pick's

generous and valuable tribute to Wiesenthal shows, he was often unjustly maligned. In the intensified, occasionally competitive hunt for Nazis, his principal detractors (sadly, mostly Jews) had not passed through the extermination camps and could not fathorn the psychological trauma ingrained upon the survivors.

Indoubtedly his critics antagonism hurt Wiesenthal, not least when they maliciously cast doubt on his extraordinary account of surviving the Holocaust. But dissenters like Wiesenthal invariably possess the resourcefulness to survive. Hella Pick properly minimises the inconsistencies and flaws of Wiesenthal's life. After all, regardless of his imperfections, the 87-year-old is the Keeper of the Flame for that, even his critics should

be respectful.

# THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM



RICHARD DAWKINS, the controversial biologist, will argue at a Times / Dillons forum that Darwin has the answers to all Nature's complexities.

The forum, on April 25, marks the publication of Professor Dawkins's book, Climbing Mount Improbable (Viking, £20). He will discuss the difference between accident and design in Nature and show how DNA has progressed through geological time.

Chaired by Sir John Maddox, the former editor of Nature, the forum will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCI, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £3 off the price of Professor Dawkins's book, are available by phoning 0171-915 6613, by faxing the coupon below on 0171-915 6611, or by sending the coupon and your remittance to Dillons, 82 Gower Street, London WCIE 6EQ, where tickets can also be purchased.

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# Dods pays Scotland's penalty

THE Scotland rugby union squad to tour New Zealand shows two surprising casualties from the XV that started the entire five nations' championship campaign; Michael Dods has been dropped and Bryan Redpath is injured. The 30-strong party, a blend of experience and youth, has five representatives from Melrose, eight uncapped players of whom six are among the forwards, and a strong physical back division picked with the specific

challenges of New Zealand in mind. That has counted against the slight ly-built Dods, as has his indifferent form as a place-kicker. His success ratio was only 47 per cent in the championship, reinforcing the difficul-ties Scotland have had in replacing Gavin Hastings. In announcing the decision at Murrayfield yesterday, Jim Telfer, the SRU director of rugby who will be tour manager, said. His goalkicking record wasn't high enough for a wing position."

The exact diagnosis on Redpath is unclear but is akin to a stress fracture of his lower back and the cure is rest and recuperation this summer. It is apparently a long-standing injury that has reduced his effectiveness in matches to about 75 per cent, too big a risk for the demanding eight-match tour in

Andy Nicol is the beneficiary. The former Dundee scrum half has forced his way back into the Bath first team and although he and Gary Armstrong

SCOTLAND SCHAD: A Shepherd (Mairose), S Lang (Henot's), G Joiner (Melrose), K Logan (Sortin County), A Stanger (Heavido, D Stark (Boroughmuri), Ericsson (London Scottish), S Hastings (Watsoniare), Jardine (Spring County), G Shlot (Melrose), Chairners (Melrose), G Townsend (Northampion), G Annistrong (Newcastle), A Nicol (Both), D Hitlan (Bath) T Smith (Watsonians), B Stewart (Edinburgh Academicals), P Wright (Boroughmuri), G Ellis (Curtle), McKenzie (String County), S Campbell (Dunder High School FP), D Cronin (Bourges), S Murray (Edinburgh

service as Redpath, they are good defenders and strong runners with the ability to make a break; they will undoubtedly benefit from the new laws which stipulate that the eight forwards must remain bound at the scrummage.

Elsewhere in the back division, Torry Stanger, a veteran of the 1990 grand-slam side but still only 27, and Derek Stark have been recalled on the wing. Stark has filled out and regained his appetite for the game and has enjoyed a purple patch in 1996. He won the last of his four caps in 1993. Strart Lang.

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back, is also included

Tom Smith, of Watsonians, and Barry Stewart, from Edinburgh Academicals, are the props joining David Hilton and Peter Wright. Teller said Smith was an outstanding rugbyplaying prop. who has come through on merit despite not appearing for the A team with which Stewart has carned his plandits. Nick Broughton, who has cousins in the Shetland Islands, only arrived in Scotland from Invercargill last autumn and returns to New Zealand sooner than expected as lan Smith's understudy. Stuart Reid, Andy Reed and Shade Munro are all injured

but will be on stand-by.

Telfer described the tour as the toughest Scotland had ever undertaken although Broughton is optimistic. "New Zealand are going through a period of change and have a new coach in John Hart. Some of the players don't know where they stand so it's a prime time to take them," he said.

#### **Baker still** spurred by Faldo's **forecast**

FROM MEL WESS IN CANNES

TIME was when Peter Baker was touted in golf as the next Nick Faldo. How things have changed. This week Faldo is basking in the warm glow of a third Masters victory while preparing for the Heritage Classic, Baker is making yet another stop on the PGA European Tour, attempting to. kick-start a career that has ground to a halt.

Baker, who plays in the Cannes Open that starts af Royal Mougins today, was first mentioned in the same breath as Faldo when he took the Benson and Hedges title at Pulford in 1988, in the process becoming the last player any-where to beat the great man in

a play-off.

Baker, then a fresh-faced 21year-old, needed an eagle at the last to take Faldo to sudden-death. He got it. Outrageously, he then bagged another at the 18th, the first

extra hole, to win.

Everybody saw the engaging youngster from the Black Country as the next great hope of English golf. Faldo was unstinting with his praise. "He's the star we'e been waiting for," he gushed.

And then, nothing. It was a struggle until 1993, when Bak-er won the British and Scandinavian Masters and made his Ryder Cup debut, taking three points out of four. Since then, he has made little progress towards fulfilling Paldo's prediction. But he is still optimistic. "I have time on my side. I feel I've got another ten good years in me, "he said.

"Even at the end of 1993, the bad old habits were still there, and i've had to work hard to get rid of them."

Could this be his year? "Yes, my target is eight victories." he said, straight-faced. "Some people might say one or two, but eight seemed like a nice figure." For the gullibly in-clined, this is, perhaps, the right moment to say that he was joking.

#### Jameses set pace in race for golf title

ROBBIE and Mark James strode impressively through two more rounds of the Father and Son golf tournament, at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday company (John Hennessy writes). Their thunder was momentarily stolen by the Stradlings, of Rye and nearby Worplesdon, however, who achieved a stunning albatross at the 503-yard 5th against the

Hubbards, of Burhill. Stuart Stradling, the father, followed a superb drive by his son. Rory, with a four-wood from 225 yards which obediently swung round into the

The Jameses have reached the last 16 without yet having to go beyond the 16th.

# Norman rises above the talk of the town



John Hopkins joins three wise men of golf as they gaze in wonder at a fallen star

Nick he was only three The Masters had end-ed two days before and golf's travelling ahead. "Greg should not have allowed Nick to intimidate circus had moved east, from him. We are all taught to the Augusta National Golf Club to Hilton Head Island Wherever golfers gathered at the Harbour Town Golf Links, where the MCI Classic starts today, there was only one topic of conversation — the extraordinary events in the fourth round of the Masters on Sunday.
For years, Greg Norman

has dominated the world of golf by virtue of his victories, his wealth and his lifestyle. Now he was dominating every conversation by virtue of his spectacular collapse, in which he shed a six-stroke lead. No one in golf had been talking about anything else since the moment Nick Faldo won his third Masters with an Il-stroke swing over

As Colin Montgomerie, Frank Nobilo and Jeff Maggert started the home-ward half of their first practice round at Harbour Town, the talk was of their new putters, graphite shafts and the rangefinder binoculars that are all

the rage on the tour. Suddenly, the noise of a fired to mark the start of the tournament's opening ceremony split the air. very well' Montgomerie

looked at Nobilo, Maggert at his caddie. As one, they said, laughing: "Norman's yacht."
"Norman", "Greg"

"Nick", "collapse", "gra-cious", "extraordinary", "astonishing" were the words that hung in the warm afternoon air the way one brief passage of a symphony can keep popping into the mind. If, for a moment, Montgomerie might have been thinking of something eise, then Norman's yacht was another reminder. "It's huge," Montgomerie said. "It's moored just along from my condominium. I can see Greg's watching on tele-

Montgomerie had only got halfway to his drive when the subject of Sunday afternoon came up once more. "Nick won that tournament when he finished birdie-par on Saturday to make sure he played with Greg the next day," Montgomerie said. "If Greg had played with Phil Mickelson he would have free-flowed it. Phil's no threat. He's a wee boy. Greg would not have been six ahead, he would have been seven; but with play our own game but Nick is the best in the world at: creating an aura. There is no reason for it. Greg Norman has been the best in the world for two years. Nick has not contested in major championships in that While Norman and Faldo

were dominating the Masters, Nobilo was finishing fourth. "It was difficult to watch the scoreboard and difficult not to," Nobilo said. You wanted to, yet you didn't want to because you knew how it was relevant to As Montgomerie conclud-

ed his round at Angusta, recording a second 75. Norman and Faldo were on the 7th. "Had I been watching what was going on?" Montgomerie said. "Of course I had. I was history. I was going to be 35th or something. Did I believe what I was seeing? Yes, I did. Why? Because it was

Faldo and we all know Nick Faldo And because Both Nick it was Greg and we all know and Greg Greg. It was astonishing, even came out of Sunday

So Montgomerie. Nobilo and Maggert continued their prac-

tice round which was more an analysis of what had happened two days earlier than a proper examination of the course.

"You know it fakes a good person to win but a great person to lose well," Montgomerie said as he approached the 16th green "Both Nick and Gree cause out of Sunday very well." as Norman had done with such a collapse. He turned his head to one side. There was a long pause. "I'd like to say yes but ... I hope I never find out." Another pause Nick?

On the 18th green, as Monigomerie was lining up his putt, an aircraft suddenly roared overhead, banking sharply as it turned to land. Montgomerie looked up.

That's Greg's plane," he said excitedly. "It had a Reebok shark on the tail fin. That's incredible isn't in Fuldo was already at Harbour Town. Now Norman' had arrived, too. And so the round ended as

it had begun - with Norman's name on everyone's

# Honourable conclusion to season of mixed fare

BY PETER BILLS

THE Army ensured a triple tie in the inter-Services rugby union competition, sponsored by Willis Corroon, by comfortably toppling the RAF in the sunshine at Twickenham yesterday. It was the most enter-taining game by far of the 1996

It was the first triple tie since 1992 but, for the Army, there was only the frustration of knowing that the title should have been theirs. Almost certainly it would have been, had they not lost by the odd penalty goal in five to the Royal Navy in the opening

The absence from their ranks of Tim Rodber and Rob Wainwright that day - on international sevens duty in Hong Kong — probably cost the Army their first outright title since 1990.

Certainly, there was no disputing the Army's vast superiority in this match. Somehow, astonishingly, the RAF clung suffering a pounding in the 15 minutes before the break.

in the first half. Fowers. Wainwright, Hunter, Stewart and Pinder were all either held up over the RAF line or stopped inches short. The brave, scrambling defence of the RAF, especially up front, was commendable, but plainly it could not last, especially if the Army eliminated their

They did that and, after Knowles had levelled the scores shortly after the restart. Johnson ran 50 metres for the opening try after Worrall had missed touch badly and Wainwright picked up a difficult pass on the counter-attack. The power of the Army

RAF thus never had the base up front to play the expansive game that they sought, despite some bold attempts. Another series of forward

drives led to Rodber putting Sanger over near the posts: Knowles's conversion made it 18-6. Morgan, the RAF flank-er, replied straight from the restart, with the first of his two late tries that exposed the Army's momentary lack of concentration, but the Army's finish was conclusive.

Knowles landed two more penalty goals before converting Johnson's interception try from 60 metres out. That made it 31-11 and all that remained was for Sharp to finish off Lazenby's break for a try and Morgan to add another in a flurry of late substitutions. Nothing, though, could hide

the Army's ascendency.

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# Time catches up with Smith

TIM SMITH, the secondhighest points-scorer in Gloucester's history to Peter Butler, is to retire from senior rugby union at the end of this season. Smith, who kicked 11 points when Gloucester beat Bath 16-10 last Wednesday, is considering a move into local club rugby and also has ambitions to join Richard Hill's coaching team at Kingsbolm.

Smith, who will be 34 next month, has made 348 firstteam appearances in 14 years at Gloucester. "I don't want to finish, but there comes a time

when you know you have to." Smith said. "It takes me two to three days now to get over a big game because I am still trying to do as much as I did ten years ago." Thierry Lacroix, the former

France threequarter, is negotiating a three-year contract with Natal, which could mean that he will effectively play out his career in South Africa. "I am finally finished with France," Lacroix, 29, said.

"When I went back to France from Natal last year, I realised immediately that there was antagonism against me and that I was no longer welcome in the side. The team spirit was also not what it should be. It is no longer a pleasure to play for France." Lacroix, though, has also been offered a lucrative contract by Harlequins. "I will weigh up the various con-

tracts and make a decision then," he said. ☐ Cockermouth, the Cumbrian club, have been relegated two divisions in the Courage Clubs Championship after falsifying a match result card for their North West I game

# TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-finals, second leg Paris Sami-Germain (1) v Deportivo la Coruña (0) (6 0) ..... Rapid Vienna (1) v Feyenoord (1) . ....

application

on 13 May 1996.

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Chariton v Swindon (7.0), Second division:
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**BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1986** 

CONFIRMATION HEARING

NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL

**BUILDING SOCIETY** 

Notice is hereby given that National & Provincial Building

Society has applied to the Building Societies Commission to

confirm, under section 98 of the Act, the transfer of its business

Any interested party has the right to make written or oral

representations, or both, to the Commission with respect to this

Written representations must reach the Commission by 12 noon

Written notice of intention to make oral representations must also reach the Commission by 12 noon on 13 May 1996.

The Commission intends to hear oral representations on 3 June

1996 and will advise intending participants of the time and

The Act provides that the Commission must confirm a transfer

members eligible to vote; or

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(a) some information material to the members' decision

(b) the vote on any resolution approving the transfer does

(c) there is a substantial risk that the successor company

(d) some relevant requirement of the Acr or the rules of the Society was not fulfilled.

The address of the Building Societies Commission is 15 Great

will not be authorised under the Banking Act 1987; or

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southernp-ton (final day of lour) Second XI champions (Hampshire) v England Under-19 OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL Budwelser League: Cham-pionship play-offs: Quarter-finals, second leg: London v Thames Valley (8 0); Birmingham v Derby (8.0) BOMLS: Men's English indoor champion-ships (Melton Mowbray) steps (Matton Mowbray) GOLF: Father and Sons lournament (West

Paul, SPECIWAY, Premier League; toewich v Hull (7:30) London v Easthourne (7:30); Middlesbrough v Swindon (7:30). Speed-valy See Cup: Pratt round, flict leg: Sheffield v Bredford (7:45).

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#### YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Newmarket Going: good to firm

Going: good to ism 2.00 (7) 1. Terremoted (R Hills, 33-1). 2 Really A Dream (11-2), 3. Charlotte Corday (50-1) Kerry Ring 5-4 law. 16 ran Hilt-Chlor's Anchor. 11, 394. P Waltyn. Tote: £48 10; £8 00, £2 10; £5 40. DF- £167 80. Trio. not won good of £500.22 centred forward to 3.05 at Navmaniest todays. CSF: £201.98. Imm 23 99sec

2.23 (7) 1, Tarawa (8 Hughes, 10-1, Thundere's napt; 2 Monassab (8-1), 3, Roving Minstel (8-1) Blombarg 9-2 fav 14 ran, Sh hd, 294, N Castaghan, Tote, 210 00; 23.10, 22.70, 21.80 DF; 20.90 Timo 22.40 CSF, 273.23 Timo

Story 19 1, LUSO (M.) Kinane, 14-1), 2, Smart Alec (I. Detton, 6-4 fav.; 3, Pirst Island (M. Hile, 4-1) ALSO RAM, 11-2 Deser Shot (6th), 7 Pestructure (5th), 10 Gabr (4th), 20 Beauchamp Jazz, Sacrament, 50 Lear White, 9 ran Hd, 1 M, 14, 2, 34. C. Brittan at Newmarket, Tote £15,70, £2,40, £1 50, £1 50 DF; £17.80. The £25 00. CSF-£33 92, 1mm 47.98sec. 3.40 (78) 1, CAYMAN KAI (Pat Eddory, 7-2 (-kw): 2, Projection (M Hits, 8-1) 3, World Prantier (B Doyle, 9-1), ALSO (RAVE, 7-2 (-kw) (RM), Lucky Luciel, 16 Gotherhord (M), Yarob 8 ran, 131, Ink, IT, 11, Ink, IT Hamton at East Everleigh, Total 23 70, £1 60, £2-10, £2-20 DF, £19-20 CSF, £27,31, Tricaer £198,53, Imm 22-98sec

4.15 (1m 48) 1. Prograssion (M Boird, 9-1): 2. Speed fo Lead (5-1 km): 3. Opera Buf (11-2) 15 ran, NR Beaumont, 2. 1 M. C. Marray, 10te: \$3.95; £2.50; £2.40, £2.00. DF, £23.80. Tho: £33.50. CSF, £48.81. Tricast £251.59. 2mm; 28 60sec. After a statestick function resid stood. 38063016 Super, Icani occidente (J. Read, 1-2 Sar); 2. Dame Laura (20-1); 3. Sitca Key Sitca (25-1) 6 san. 2H, 2H, P Chapple-Hyam Tote: C1.50 E1.20, E2.30 DF-66.20 CSF-

19 37 Omn 59 35sec. Marie Commande States (G. Camer, 16-1), 2, Whitelease Alliar (14-1), 3, Sharston (9-1) Master Boots 7-2 i-lay 20 tan, NR Atsuss, Sh hd, 25-1 H Ceol Tote, 527,00 55-60, 56-80, 53-50, DF: £492-00. The £375-50 (part son, pool of £475.00 camed lowered to 3 05 at Newmarket index). CSF: £221.70, Irmin 26 £25ec

Jackpot not won (pool of £14,279.51 carried forward to Neumaniket today). Placapot: £216.10. Quadpot: £10.60. Pontefract Going: good

2.45 (5) 1. Foot Samalion (F Lynch, 14-1): 2. Swino (13-2): 3. War For Rose (100-50 lav) 12 am 5h Ind. 11. R Holanshead, Told: 520 70: 55.00, 12.50, 01.40 DF, \$105.80. Trio \$50 to. CSF, \$105.86 3.20 (8) 1. Splicing (K Fallon, 6-1): 2 Whatte Rock (16-1). 3. Royal Ceilidh (6-1) Sondors 4-1 fan 15 ran. MR. Garystán 251, Al. W Haggas Tote: £5 80; £250, £4 00, £250. DF: £101.60. Yro. £86 50, £5F 589.£5. Tincasi £732 46

4.25 (Im 4yd) 1. Rainder Ouest (M Herry, 6-1): 2. My Handsome Prince (33-1): 3. Waterford (8-1): 4. Framed (7-2 lay): 16 ran. NR Bella Coota, Tambridge 24, 141, 1 Eyer Totle: 27-90: 51.70, 182.0, 12-50, 51.90 DF: 127-94 Tins: 5267-90 (part won. pool of C301.97 carried forward to 3.05 at Newmards loday) CSF: £181.43 Tinsal. £1,559.55 No bid. 5.00 (1m 4yd) 1, Cheerkul Aspect (K Falton, 13-2), 2, Arabian Story (15-8 lav); 3, Flying North (20-1), 7 san Nit, Ind. E Duniap Tole: \$7.50; \$3.20, \$1.70, DF \$13.70. CSF \$18.69.

Croces.

5.90 (fin. 2f 6yd) 1, Carillo Brigante (K. Falton, 11-4 fan); 2, Curjelace (14-1), 3, Locovitordo (5-1), 4, Februar Times (20-1), 48, Min. J. 6ran, NF, Bathesine Struce, 224, 80, Min. J. 6ran, NF, Bathesine Struce, 224, 80, Min. J. 6ransoline, Yole, 23.50, £1.30, £3.00, £1.80, £1.90, £1.90, £1

8.00 (fm 21 Gyd) 1, Don Villo (i Sprake, 9-4), 2, Kass Altano (6-4 Inv), 3, Blured (25-1), 11 ran. Ni, 6' R Charlton Tola. 23 10: £1.80, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £3.00 Tro; £59.20. C5F: £5.82 Placepot. 2279.50. Quadpot: 212.10. Cheltenham

Going: good to sait, good in places 2.20 (2m Si ch) 1, Trying Again (8 Durwoody, Evers tan), 2, Ar Shot (7-4), 3, Tothewoods (10-1), 7 ran. 4, 19(, D Gardollo, Tole: £1.90, £1.40, £1.40, DF-£1.90, CSF: £2.90.

2.55 (2m 1f hole) 1, Tight Fet (M A Frogrand, 16-1), 2 Headward (5-2 lee), 3, Halona (5), 21 ran, NR: Around The Gate, Youteterbetover 19-1, 18, Mass H. Florida (pt-1). 25 rat. Per Propulation Gale. Youtobeleviselevel 1161, Miles H Knight. Tolo: C22 60; 24.10, E1.80, E15.40. OF: E30.50 Ten: E519.00 (part work pool of C228.99 Cerred Corvend to 3.05 at New-merket today). CSF SSI.81 Allor a Calcada Corp., Tenak about 3.30 (4m ti chi) 1. Hoffmel House (für C Vigors, 6-4 fau); 2. Hennes Haves (7-2); 3. Catchapenty (20-1) 14 rgn, 7, 26; P Chertwigs, Torc 12 60; 11.50, 12.40, 53.90. DF 64 90 Teto 521.20, CSF, 57.25.

4.00 (2m Sf 110)pt hote; 1, Sum Sunter (S Wynne, 8-11; 2, Jammy's Cross (11-2); 3, Caste Secret (14-1) Methic 9-2 fer 15 ran. 184, Bl. Capt I Forsier Tote: 210 10, 23.10, 21.90, 23.60 (0F; 232.20 Trio: Dist 90, CSF: 250 (

A.35 (2m 110)rd cth 1, Mister Oddy (M A Fitzgerald 9-2: 2, James The First (6-1); 3, Sprining Steel (6-1) Medinas Swian Song 9-4 tor (1, 7 ran. 22, 26, J King. Tells: 55.60; 52.70, 52.10 DF: 57.40 CSF: 256.25 COURSE SPECIALISTS 201.22. 5.110/cl hdle] 1, Valley Garden (A.P. McCoy, 5-1), 2, El Freddie (25-1), 3, Telifonery (11-2), 4, Fontacile Fleet (20-1), Hale Dennis 3-1 lev. 23 ram NR. Rossally, Spa Kelly, 234, 41 J.J. D'Heel Yole, C5.90; 61 77, C7.90, C1.80, C7.80 OF C94-00. Tro. C320.60 CSF C121.67, Thotast, E679.24.

# RIPON

2.30 Statesman. 3.00 Sea-Deer. 3.30 Tauran Boy. 4.00 Nabhaan. 4.30 Raheen. 5.05 Able Sheriff, 5.36 3.30 FURZAN (nap).

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3-1 Statesman, 7-2 Double Asslau, 4-1 Plan For Pealls, 5-1 Young Bigorig, 8-1 Tim Den Man, 7-1 Air Fostynetrics, Bulgo Boy, 8-1 others. 3.00 COPT HEWICK CLAIMING STAKES

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3.30 COCKED HAT COCK O'THE NORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,494; 1m) (9) (5) 2542 THEATRE MAGIC 19 (8) S Boming 7-11 \_\_\_\_ N Carlste 95 33 3-1 Ferson, 4-1 Ju Mell, Renter Alegic, 6-1 At Shala, Watspering David, 8-1 T<sub>h</sub>ologo Toy, 10-1 Yaza, 14-1 minus.

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By RICHARD EVANS

THE most important racing double witnessed at Newmarket for years saw two companies yesterday announce valuable sponsorship deals with major implications for the sport.

Two hours after Henry Cecil proudly donned a riding hat with Saab emblazoned alongside his ini-tials. HRAC. Pertemps revealed details of important commercial backing for the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas

The leading independent staff recruitment company, which announced last August a four-year agreement, worth more than £500,000, to sponsor the St Leger at Doncaster, is chaired by Tim Watts, a committed racing enthusiast, but he insisted the sponsorship of Newmarket's two classics was based on a hard-nosed business and marketing approach.

Saab's decision to associate its gleaming horse-power with Cecil's Warren Place yard and its 170 thoroughbreds is initially or one year, as is the Pertemps package, al-though both companies hope to extend their back-ing if the investment proves worthwhile.

Cecil's sponsorhip offers more evidence to Customs and Excise that the beneficial VAT deal - which allows owners to reclaim VAT on training fees - is helping to bring extra revenue into racing. It is to be hoped that Customs officials will now accept once and for all the value of the

#### Cayman Kai's switch pays with Free Handicap win

# Spotlight falls on Alhaarth

THE NGK Spark Plugs European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday marked the second consecutive trial Won by a horse without classic aspirations when Cayman Kai swept through to collar Projection in the manner of a muchimproved colt.

The way is now clear for Alhaarth, odds-on favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, to endorse his merit in the Craven Stakes today. With Royal Applause and Mark Of Esteem due to contest the Guineas on their seasonal debut. Alhaarth's encounter with

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SELECT FEW (2.35 Newmarket) Next best: Fursan (3.30 Ripon)

Thunderer landed a good-priced nap-with Tarawa (10-1) at Newmarket yesterday

Beauchamp King, Pommard and Rio Duvida represents the definitive moment in the shaping of this classic.

Richard Hannon, who trains Cayman Kai, admitted as much when explaining how the cost came to take his chance in the Free Handicap. 'We were going to run him at Newbury on Saturday but we changed our plans when-we found out Alhaerth was supposed to go there," he said. "It's funny how these things work out; it was obviously the right decision."

A ball of speed last year, Cayman Kai relaxed in behind a strong pace before Pat Eddery brought him wide to challenge. The colt responded generously over this seven furlongs, which represented unknown territory. horse has a real racing brain." Hannon said. "He will switch

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE



Cayman Kai and Eddery, right, claim an emphatic victory in the Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday

off until you ask him. We didn't enter him in the Guineas because he looked like a sprinting type." His pedigree suggests otherwise.

Barry Hills, who trains the runner-up, Projection, doubted whether the form was up to classic standard. Hills has a more potent force at home in Royal Applause, who has pleased in his preparation. He is a clean-winded sort and has not missed a day." Hills said. "We don't want to wind him up too much at home, but he will be ready on the day." Both Hills and Hannon will

be interested spectators when

Alhaarth emerges from his

opportunity to sing the praises of Regiment, his Easter Stakes wirmer, who represents him in the 2,000 Guineas here on May 4. "Regiment is very well. He works with the sprinters and can quicken with them, too. He shouldn't be underesti-

winter's rest. Hannon took the

If classic pointers were in short supply, Luso and Smart Alec contrived a thrilling finto the Earl Of Sefton Stakes. The former just prevailed under a strong ride from Michael Kinane, and if the heart went out to Smart Alec on his first outing for 550 days, defeat would have been

hard on Luso, who conceded

Clive Brittain, who trains the four-year-old, can expect a profitable season for Luso. Smart Alec, for his part, has retained all his juvenile speed and now heads for the Lockinge Stakes over a mile. He may well influence the destination of miling bonours this term.

Peter Chapple-Hyam revealed an extremely precocious two-year-old in Carmine Lake, who tormented some well-regarded fillies in the NGK Spark Plugs Bartlow mine Lake is bound for the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal

During this contest, Emma O'Gorman was thrown violently to the ground when her mount. Simply Times, pitched over within yards of the winning post. O'Gorman lay motionless for several minutes before she was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. However, the ini-

tial prognosis was favourable. "She was conscious at the time and could feel her legs and arms," said her father, Bill, who trains Simply Times. "It looked like the horse had broken a leg, but it eventually got up and walked away."

## **Jockey Club fails** to identify cause of Festival deaths

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A JOCKEY CLUB investigation into the deaths of ten horses at last month's Cheltenham Festival yesterday failed to identify the cause of the carnage - and left officialdom praying it would not happen again. The number of fatalities at National Hunt's premier festival was three times the average over the past ten

After interviewing leading trainers, including David Nicholson and Jenny Pitman. and taking evidence from top jockeys, the Jockey Chub's racecourse department concluded "no single factor, or indeed combination of factors, is to blame for the ten fatali-ties." David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, admitted: "We can't come up with any solution and we just hope it was a freak - a

The nearest the Jockey Club came to attributing blame was in pointing an accusing finger at Channel 4, whose televised coverage of the three days' racing included using cameras on vehicles running alongside or just ahead of the horses and pictures taken from an airship.

Jockeys said the vehiclemounted camera had been a problem on one part of the chase course where the road was very close to the runningrail while some trainers felt the airship was a factor and drew a parallel with horses' fear of balloons passing overhead

The report concluded there was a case for reviewing the use of vehicle cameras on racecourses, including Ascot. Haydock and Chepstow, where they were in close proximity to horses. Similarly, it was suggested

that officials moving around

in fluorescent jackets and press photographers might cause a distraction, but there was no evidence that they had been a contributory factor in

A variety of reasons have been offered since the Cheltenham Festival for the death toll. but all the popular theories were dismissed after exhaustive examination.

Trainers were unanimous that the ground was unlikely to have caused deaths. Few horses pulled up lame and none of the jockeys made complaints of inconsistent ground.

Despite the hard winter, trainers ruled out horses being iess fit than normal and insisted they were 100 per cent sound before races. However, changes in training methods, such as interval training on uphill artificial gallops, might have an effect on the suscepti-

bility of horses to injury. The large number of runners was not a factor and although Festival races are always very competitive there was nothing to suggest they were run at a faster pace than in previous years. Fewer falls than usual occurred at the tough open ditches but dry subsoil meant "hurdles were stiff until they had been jumped once and may have

contributed to heavier falls." While the start of several races was widely criticised "the problems did not lead directly to any fatalities." Vets reviewed post-mortem reports of the deaths but even they were unable to identify any

common factors. It is hoped that the Cheltenham carnage was an unfortunate blip. If it happens again the Jockey Club should not expect to escape with such

2.00 Princely Sound

3.40 Alhearth 4.10 Hammerstein 4.45 Rude Awakening

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 FARHANA. 4.10 Hammerstein.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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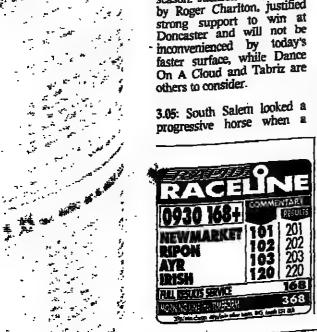
☐ Jean-Pierre Lopez, the jockey, was handed a two-day ban by the Pontefract stewards yesterday after finishing fourth on Nervous Rex in the Strawberry Hill Median Auction Maiden Stakes. Lopez, who is in his first season in Britain, was judged to have used his whip incorrrectly and is suspended from April

## Storm Trooper can steal the thunder in Feilden Stakes

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.35: Luca Cumani has his string in good form and Select Few is fancied to go well here.
Despite being tall and weak
last season, the Alzao colt ran on strongly to win a 13-runner maiden at Goodwood on his final start and there is every reason to suggest the best is still to come. He should appreciate the step up to ten furlongs and looks set for a good season. Jackson Hill, trained by Roger Charlton, justified strong support to win at Doncaster and will not be inconvenienced by today's faster surface, while Dance On A Cloud and Tabriz are others to consider.

3.05: South Salem looked a progressive horse when a





TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

close third to Royal Applause in the Coventry Stakes last year but has not raced since. David Loder's runner has been showing up well at home but may be in need of his reappearance. The Michael Stoute-trained

Bonarelli progressed with every run last season and is one for the short-list. But the pair that make most appeal are Heron Island, one of Peter Chapple-Hyam's most promising three-year-olds, and Storm Trooper. Henry Cecil has won this race four times in the past decade and his Diesis colt showed smart form when chasing home Beauchamp King, the subsequent Racing Post Trophy winner, at Ascot.

3.40: The unbeaten Albaarth, 168 odds-on to win the 2,000 Guineas, will be a warm order here and is difficult to oppose

The classic contender has pleased Dick Hern over the winter and it will a big surprise if his colours are lowered. Rio Duvida came the closest of any rival to inflicting a defeat on Alhaarth when getting within half a length in the slowly run Champagne Stakes at Doncaster. David Loder's runner is lib

better off today, but his home work suggests he will be more effective over-further than a mile. Beauchamp King has strengthened and matured over the winter and may be a bigger threat, although John Dunlop believes the Nishapour colt may prefer a bit more give in the ground.

4.10: Hammerstein stands out, having chased home the promising types, Jarah, Bijou D'Inde and Mons on his three starts. However, I have a suspicion the likely short-priced favourite would prefer a little bit of give in the ground and Lonely Leader could offer some each-way value. Third behind Heron Island

and Skillington at Doncaster on his only start last year, this likeable Royal Academy colt is described by his trainer, Richard Hannon, as the best maiden in his yard. .

RICHARD EVANS

Carl Evans: 2.50 Royal Stream. GOING: GOOD 2.20 WEST SOUND RADIO NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE (£2,444: 2m 4f) (10 runners) 

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☐ Eastern Prophets, trained by Joe Naughton and ridden by Cash Asmussen, finished third in the listed £18,445 Prix Servanne (52f) at Evry yesterday, four lengths and a short neck behind the impressive 100-30 on winner. Anabaa. Trained by Criquene Head and ridden by her brother, Freddie, Anabaa will now step up to pattern company.



# Popular nominee **Botham miscast** in role of selector

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ENGLISH cricket finds itself trapped within the theatrical anticipation of an Oscars ceremony this morning. There will be many, with the good and harmony of the game at heart, who say a silent prayer before the scheduled announcement from Lord's, for if the ludicrous campaign to instal lan Botham as a Test selector is successful, turbulent times can be guaranteed.

Those who promote Botham's cause are either naive or divisive. The charitable view is that they are as. unaware as Botham appears to be of what is involved in the job description. The more sinister interpretation is that it is a calculating attempt to provoke the chairman of selectors, Raymond Illingworth. into a resentful resignation, as well it might.

Botham is not, himself, to be blamed for the inflated and over-glamorised profile of an election for fundamentally menial posts. His wish to be involved with the England team is laudable and should not be discouraged; only his choice of job is misguided. would be for his bid to end in honourable failure but for his talents — specifically to inspire and motivate — to be used

more appropriately.
Strip away the frills of this issue, the fatuous opinion polls that predictably champion the populist hero and the well-intentioned blustering of certain county chairmen, and what is left is a traditionally who will be subordinates on the selection panel, beholden to the instructions of the

Christopher Cowdrey. another of the eight remaining nominations after the piqued withdrawal of Fred Titmus. has far less chance of election than Botham, but a surer grasp of the job's parameters. 'It is a junior role." he said yesterday. "A runner for Ray Illingworth." Realistically, he is right, for the two chosen men will be expected to spend six days a week travelling the been and never will be.

The necessary attention span would conflict with his restless, instinctive nature even if it did not conflict with the many other demands on his time, while the integrity required of the position hardly sits comfortably with one who has, as prime sources of income, a newspaper column and a contract with Sky

television. . The notion that Botham's wondrous playing ability somehow enables him to transform the present team from a seat on the selection



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the paper for cricket.

panel makes too many assumptions. It tacitly condemns recent selections by there have been only occasionchoices to dispute, and it assumes for the fourth and fifth selectors an entirely false influence, in practice, the chairman, captain and David Lloyd, the coach, will make most of the decisions: the others are there only to guide

Botham ought to have no chance of election but his prospects cannot be dismissed as lightly as those of Geoff Miller, Kim Barnett and

ing county players. This is not counties, plus MCC and Mi-Botham's forte - never has nor Counties, have voted for two of the candidates. If one is elected on a landslide, it could be that the second position will be claimed by as few as five or six votes, the kind of number Botham can expect to have

> Graveney, who served diligently and progressively on the panel last year, is a worthy favourite. He might by now have usurped Illingvorth as chairman but for the helated instruction of his principal employers, the Professional Cricketers' Association, that he must withdraw from the ballot, and it is to be hoped that few counties have held that fiasco against him. He is a good man, a potential future chairman, and as Illingworth has worked with him once he can, and should, do so again.

Illingworth would prefer to have Brian Bolus and John Edrich, like minds and close contemporaries, alongside him. At most, one may be elected, though for a more rounded, informed committee my choice to join Graveney would be Graham Gooch about to play out the last of his 24 seasons and proposed by his county, Essex, with their express agreement to release him for selectorial duties when necessary.

Gooch is a man of detail, concentration and deep love of the county game ... all the things, in fact, that Botham is

Lancashire have appointed John Stanworth as coach to succeed David Lloyd. Stanworth, 35, kept wicket for Lancashire in the late 1980s before becoming their secondteam captain and last year he became the county's first cricket development officer.

"John Stanworth has agreed to assist with the requirements running of an ambitious firstclass county team both on and off the field," a club statement "The Lancashire committee will reconsider the position on Wednesday May 8." Lancashire face Yorkshire in a three-day match at Old Glamorgan pair cash in After being selected for the England A tour the winter before last he was so disappointing last year that, at one stage, he was dropped from

Morris, watchful and determined, on his way to a century at Fenner's

This is an important season for him and he was so determined not to throw his wicket away that at one stage he scored only four in 53 minutes and his hundred took the best

part of five hours. With Morris just as disciplined in an unbroken secondwicket partnership of 247 only two short of the Glamorgan record set by Morris and Steve James against Oxford University - it was hard work for the Cambridge bowlers but they stuck to their task

There was an early wicket for Haste, who had James caught at slip after Giamorgan had been put in on one of tury was not so predictable. the relaid pitches which Cam- Unperior R A Wheel and J W Loyde.

bridge expected to do more than it did. After that it was mainly a matter of containment and the two off spinners, Whittall, the former captain. and Jones, who spent two seasons with Glamorgan, did that better than anyone.

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#### Durham bring students down to earth

BY JACK BALLEY

THE PARKS (first day of three, Durham won toss; Durham have scored 334 for no wicket against Oxford University

IMMEDIATELY after sniffing victory in a match of sporting declarations against Leicestershire, the university were brought face to face with harsh reality yesterday. Nem-esis arrived in the Parks in the shape of Mike Roseberry and Stewart Hutton, Durham's opening pair. By scoring 334 together (Hutton claiming 172, Roseberry 145), they set a Durham record for any wicket. When they passed 222, they left behind the previous record made by Paul Parker and John Gleudenen — also for the first wicket, against Oxford — in 1992.

On a bright, sunlit but chilly day, other milestones were left behind. This was Roseberry's first century for Durham; Hutton's highest score. Oxford's limited attack stuck to their task, with enthusiasm if not accuracy, unwavering on a pitch made for batting once early-morning dampness had disappeared.

Early on, Roseberry might have been contemplating events from the pavilion had Thomson, tall, accurate and fast-medium, done more than find the edge as the ball moved off the seam. Roseberry also survived sev-eral confident shouts for legbefore. He was always less assured than Hutton, whose left-handed elegance took him first past the century mark. This came with fours from four successive balls. He should have been caught at mid-wicket when 58, but there were few other blemishes.

For Durham, a bright start to the season. For Oxford, lessons to learn, not least that there is no substitute for bowling line and length.

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#### India do enough in defeat to qualify for final

SOUTH Africa maintained their 100 per cent record in the Sharjah Cup yesterday by beating India by five wickets. They will meet the same. opponents in the final somorrow, India's score of 215 for nine putting them ahead of Pakistan on run rate.

India were unable to exert any real pressure on the South Africans after Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis had put on 53 for the first wicket.

Daryll Cullinan, South Africa's top scorer in the tournament, hit 64 from 100 balls while Derek Crookes struck 54 from 61 deliveries, including

They added 94 for the fourth wicket from 117 balls before, falling in the same over from Raju, whose accurate slow bowling brought him three wickets for 38. But he could not prevent South Africa from winning with 17 balls to spare. Ajay Jadeja, with 71 from 69 balls, helped India to compensate for the early loss of Sachin Tendulkar.

India looked unlikely to be able to set any sort of target when they slumped to 100 to five after 28.3 of their allotted 50 overs but Jadeja, hitting out strongly, took 17 off the final over, bowled by Crookes.

The man-of-the-match award went to the South African spinner, Paul Adams, who, playing in his first match in the tournament, took three for 30 in his ten overs.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent What would you bid on this hand, as East. **#3** ♥AJ976 ◆AQ5 **#**AQ52

This is the auction (Game All, Rubber bridge):

South's bid of Three Spades is barrage.

You would find many duplicate players doubling again on the East hand, typical of the macho attitude that they have to the game — "North-South are pushing me around. I'll show 'em who's boss". In my view, it is idiotic to take another bid — one reasonable construction of the hand is that your partner has very little, and that you will be in trouble at the four level. After all, is there anything to stop your partner having a 42-4-3 nought count? At the table, East doubled again. As West, I had an unenviable decision — as I certainly did not want the unpleasant task of playing in Pour Diamonds doubled, I decided to pass.

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Contract: Three Spades doubled, by South My lead of the jack of clubs was not the best. Declarer won, played a spade to the king and returned a heart to the king. He then continued clubs. East took the queen and ace (on which I discarded a diamond), and continued with ace and another heart. Declarer won and played his winning club. I ruffed, dummy overruffed and declarer continued by cashing a second trump before exiting from dummy with a diamond. Thus, East was able to give me a trump promotion by leading a fourth round of hearts. Had the declarer played a diamond before drawing a second round of trumps, Three Spades would have been made. In a way, I wish it had been — then, my partner would not have looked so smug.

☐ For details of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge challenge, contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to: Britannic Building, Beverley Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942 9569

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

HANSE

a. A Wagnerian hero

b. A league of merchants

BERMOOTHES a. Sri Lankan drummers b. Beggars

c. A mythical island **PHLEGETHON** 

b. The Oevil c. A burning river

**CHARIVARI** a. An uproar a. A non-flammable substance

c. Basque handball c. Hors d'oeuvres and canapés Answers on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHIES CORRESPONDENT

Kramnik leads

Vladimir Kramnik, the young Russian grandmaster, has enjoyed a virtually unbroken run of success over the past six months. He has placed at the top in several top-level competitions and he shared the leading spot with Kasparov in the latest World Chess Federa-tion ranking list with a rating of 2,775. His only relative setback was the Euwe Memorial tournament in Amsterdam, in which Kasparov and Topalov pushed Kramnik down the table.

In the combined blitz and blindfold tournament in Monaco, Kramnik has again reasserted himself. After eight rounds, he had conceded just one draw and notched up seven wins including this fine performance.

White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Ljubomir Ljubojevic Melody Amber Monaco, April 1996

Sicilian Defence NI6 g6 Nc6 4 e4 CXCI4 8g7 0-0 8d7 Bc6 Nd7 b6 Bb7 Rc8 Nc6 Kh8

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BY PAT GIBSON

FENNERS (first day of three:

Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 243 runs behind

CAMBRIDGE University

needed all the enthusiasm

engendered by their new

coach, Derek Randall, to keep

them going through the first

as Glamorgan's Hugh Morris

and David Hemp both scored

centuries of some significance.

the captaincy for the second

and, presumably, the last time, has obviously not lost his

appetite for batting. There was

never much doubt that he was

going to make his 43rd hun-

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dred for the county.

Morris, who has given up

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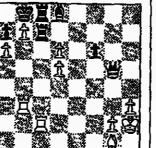
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#### WINNING MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from Petrograd, 1917. Although White is temporarily a queen in arrears, he can obviously regain material from his threats against the black rooks. What is the most efficient method of exploiting his threats?

Solution on page 46



than money From Mr N. Parry and Mr P.

Irvine Sir. The Rugby Football Union seems to think that it alone should control the organisation and money flows of the new professional game in England. It now appears that it also wishes to have a significant influence on matters in the other home unions. We wonder whether the RFU would alter its view if the professional organisation covering the first and second division clubs approached the other home unions and suggested that it could enter an England side into a five nations' tournament as a replacement for the RFU?

of problems: i. the professional game in

2 the five nations' tournament would survive without the other home unions being treated as poor relations 3. the professional game in England would be run by professional businessmen, while the RFU committees could run the amateur game to which they appear far more suited.

ue to count for much.

From Mr P. T. Donald Sir. Contrary to the table regarding major golf championship winners (April 16), Harry Vardon won six Opens which, with his US Open victory, gives him a total of seven: and it was not Sarazen but Palmer who also won a US Amateur.

Yours etc. PHILIP DONALD. Graham, Lagan Mills,

# More to rugby Manchester United, the public's finest

**SPORTS LETTERS** 

# From Mr Hammond Smith

the plaything of a millionaire

This might solve a number England would have a signifi-cant source of revenue to

sustain the game

It would also show the RFU that, although the top echelon of the game has changed, the vast majority has not. This majority still believes rugby union is more than a moneymaking machine for the few. It is where friendship, sports-manship and fair play contin-

Yours faithfully, N. PARRY, P. IRVINE, 4 Priory Court, EC4.

#### Greater success

Striking similarity From Mr L. M. Stanley

After lengthy studies, the RAF concluded that grey-coloured fighter aircraft gave their pilots the best chances of avoiding visible detection. I admit that a Tornado F3 Striker moves a little faster

Yours etc. L M. STANLEY. 52 Essex Gardens, Hornchurch,

daytime telephone number.

clerk, Bannister, and their

departmental head, Mr

tion on the subject of the Football League, and I was trying to correct his view that Newcastle United

were the best team playing, when

'was that Manchester United were by far the finest team before the public.'

'Get on with your work, Smith.'

Mr Rossiter stumped off to his

'Smith,' he said at the end of five

desk, where he sat as one in

'My own view,' said Psmith,

you arrived.'

# the City, published in 1910, which I must have read for the

Sir, I must take issue with Simon Barnes's comments on Newcastle United, "the people's champions, the choice of neutrals everywhere", and on

Kevin Keegan, "the people's manager" (Midweek View, April 10). It will be a sad day for British football when chequebook football of the sort practised by Blackburn and Newcastle succeeds. How the common man can relate to a team that is little more than

Much better to sing the praises of teams such as Manchester United who develop their own young players, and when they spend their money (in fact, very little recently - they are in a transfer surplus), it is money that has been generated by their own success on the field rather than pumped in by rich

Yours etc. HAMMOND SMITH, 32 West Avenue,

From the Reverend R. P. Stacy Sir, Consider this extract from P. G. Wodehouse's Psmith in

Sir, Manchester United's decision to abandon their lowvisibility grey strip (report, April 16) is not without foundation.

than Ryan Giggs.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They must include a

minutes. Psmith slid from his stool, and made his way deferenfirst time as a boy at Rugby in 1919. The exchanges are be-tween Psmith, his fellow bank Bannister's a fool, snapped Mr

Man of the match: P R Atlanta

'So I thought,' said Psmith.
'A perfect fool. He always was.'
Psmith shook his head sorrowfully, as who should say. 'Exit Rossiter.
Psmith held up his hand.
The fault was mine ... I engaged [Bannister] in conversa-There is no team playing today to touch Manchester United."

The Master is uncannily right on all sporting matters and I am glad to share his wisdom with your readers particularly those working in banks who want to "Get On"! Yours sincerely,

PAT STACY WADDY, White House Court, Westwell,

#### **BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1986** CONFIRMATION HEARING NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL

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Written representations must reach the Commission by 12 noon

Written notice of intention to make oral representations must also reach the Commission by 12 noon on 13 May 1996. The Commission intends to hear oral representations on 3 June 1996 and will advise intending participants of the time and

The Act provides that the Commission must confirm a transfer unless it considers that:

(a) some information material to the members' decision about the transfer was not made available to all the members eligible to vote; or (b) the vote on any resolution approving the transfer does

not represent the views of the members eligible to vote; (c) there is a substantial risk that the successor company will not be authorised under the Banking Act 1987; or

(d) some relevant requirement of the Act or the rules of the Society was not fulfilled.

The address of the Building Societies Commission is 15 Great Marlborough Screet, London WIV 2LL.

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# \* Bayern take final step as Spanish fall flat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHAN CRUYFF was putting a brave face on it, but the sense of disappointment spread far beyond the Nou Camp stadium yesterday as Barcelona, giant football club and city in turn, came to terms with defeat in the Uefa Cup on Tuesday night. In a season in which much was expected, if not demanded. Europe repre-sented Barcelona's best and probably last hope of success, but a 2-1 defeat by Bayern Munich in front of 110,000 passionate and partisan sup-porters ranks as one of the most frustrating nights of Cruyff's reign.

Worse, Bayern were worthy winners and, had their finishing reached their normal high standards, would have done so more comfortably. The 4-3 aggregate score, after the 2-2 draw in the Olympic stadium in Munich a fortnight earlier, flattered the losers.

Mehmet Scholl was the match-winner, taunting Barcelona down both flanks. He set up the opening goal for Babbel in the fortieth minute, with a fierce drive that Busquets, the goalkeeper, could only push into the path of the defender, and also gave Klinsmann two opportunities to extend his tally of 14 goals in this season's competition after Unusually, the interval. Klinsmann squandered them. it was only when Witeczek, with a deflected shot, extended the lead with seven minutes left that Bayern could feel safe.

De la Peña, with a free kick moments before the end, provided Barcelona's only consolation, but even that was a double-edged sword. His absence from the starting line-up and subsequent impact as a 75th-minute substitute will do nothing to ease the pressure on Cruyff, the Barcelona coach. The brilliant 19-yearold midfield player, a favourite at the Nou Camp. is reportedly unhappy at the club and is strongly linked with Real Madrid. Beaten by Atlético Madrid in the Spanish Cup final last week and

destined for Atlético as well. losing de la Peña to their deadliest rivals would be another devastating blow to Barcelona's pride.

"We have to be happy," Cruyff said of the defeat. "You have to play well to be still playing the competitions at the end of the season." His optimism did not sound very convincing.

Tuesday's celebrations took

place elsewhere, in Munich, enjoying a Klinsmann-in-spired revival guaranteed to frustrate any Tottenham Hotspur supporter, in Bordeaux, where the French club finished off the challenge of Slavia Prague, and in the offices of Uefa itself in Switzerland, where Bordeaux's win offered unexpected justification for the maligned InterToto Cup. Bordeaux only qualified for the Uefa Cup via the InterToto tournament, yet. despite mediocre league form, sensationally dispatched AC Milan in the quarter-finals

"I know a lot of coaches were against entering the InterToto Cup because they thought it would cut short players' holidays and damage preparations," Alain Afflelou. the Bordeaux club president said yesterday, "but I saw it as a reprieve for a team which had narrowly missed out on a Uefa Cup place. It did not affect us in pre-season and now I see lots of coaches from teams in mid-table are starting to talk about qualifying for

before bouncing out the

the InterToto Cup." Inspired again by their out-standing trio of Zidane and Lizarazu in midfield and Dugarry up front. Bordeaux had little trouble seeing off Slavia. Tholot's 46th-minute effort gave them a 1-0 win on the night and a 2-0 victory on aggregate in what was their hteenth match of the season in Europe, a record in itself. Against France's first Uefa Cup finalist since 1978, Bayern, the strongest of favourites for the two-leg timal, should with the league title seemingly beware.

#### Ferguson's hopes for European finals ended by injury

By KEVIN McCarra

**DUNCAN FERGUSON will** not play in the European football championship finals for Scotland this summer. The Everton forward was examined yesterday by a specialist who concluded that he now needs complete rest to cure the persistent groin strain that has bedevilled him. Ferguson will not appear in either of his club's two remaining league games.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, was at Goodison on Tuesday to see Ferguson's last game of the season, a l-l draw with Liverpool. Yesterday, he received the news from Joe Royle, the Everton manager, of the severity of Ferguson's condition. "He was given two injections in order to play," reported Brown, "but once they wore off he was barely able to walk."

Ferguson's career has in the past been disrupted by the consequences of his indiscipline and he spent six weeks in jail last year after being found guilty of assault during a match for Rangers against Raith Rovers in 1994. However, it may be that the vulnerability of his body, rather than any volatility of character, will, in the long term, create the greater doubts over his prospects.

With Everton, he has already had two hernia operations and the specialist concluded that further surgery would serve no purpose. Ferguson, 24, has for one reason or another, been unavailable to play for Scotland since he participated in the 1-0 defeat by Greece in December

Brown is sympathetic towards the player, but does remain puzzied that so much importance is placed by others on a forward who has still to score for his country after five appearances. Nonetheless, many observers did see Ferguson as capable of adding an intensity to the Scotland attack that it lacks at

As it is, Brown is yet to forge a partnership of forwards for the European championship. He may, in the circumstances, have been particularly pleased to note Scott Booth's i tor Aberdeen against Partick Thistle on Tuesday. told earlier this week that his tournament was a friendly week.



Like Ferguson, a groin injury has also deprived him of much of the season.

The principal comfort for the Scotland manager lies in the fact that Ferguson is no longer a tantalising presence on the edge of his thoughts. For Brown, whose side play A and B internationals in Denmark next week, it will now be much easier to make firm

There was, however, some good news for Brown, regardne the international future of Mark Crossley, the Notting-Forest goalkeeper. ham

hopes of playing for Scotland had been dashed because of his appearances for the England Under-21 side. The Football Association yesterday disagreed, a spokesman saying that officials see no reason why Crossley should not qualify to play for the Scots by

Crossley played for Eng land Under-21 in the 1990 Toulon tournament and Brown believed that, as a Uefa competition, the appearance made him ineligible to

virtue of having a Scottish

grandmother.

make the switch. The FA says that the Toulon competition and therefore insists that there is nothing to stop Crossley from playing for Scotland in the future.

"As far as I'm concerned I'm eligible. The FA say I'm eligible and Craig Brown wants me to play, so I can't understand what is going on at the moment," Crossley said. "I wouldn't have gone to all the trouble of sending them birth certificates if I didn't

think there was a chance of playing for Scotland." Now Crossley is hoping that he may yet get a call from Brown for the international

Sang-nyul Kim, the South

## **Britons fail** to make flying start in time for

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain will continue their preparations for the Olympic hockey tournament with a trip to Ipoh. Malaysia. to take part in the Sultan Azlan Shah competition from May 4 to 12.

Whitaker

hoping

to develop

**Olympic** 

experience

The event will bring them into conflict with Australia. India, Pakistan, Holland and the host nation. Germany, the Olympic champions, had been scheduled to play but recently withdrew. Holland, the replacements

for Germany, will, like Pakistan and India, send their under-21 team, probably as a preparatory measure for the junior World Cup to be staged in Milton Keynes next year.

The tournament is impor-tant to Britain in that it offers a chance to evaluate Australia and Malaysia, both of whom are in their pool for the

Frank Murray, the Australia coach, who has been attending the six nations tournament here in Atlanta this week, said that he will be taking a strong side to lpoh and that it would include a few rising young players. "I hope we shall be able to play some

good hockey," he said. David Whitaker, the Britain coach, believes that the tournament in Ipoh will help his players to acclimatise to the humidity and high temperatures they will experience when they return to Atlanta in

After the Malaysia trip, Britain will face two fournation tournaments, the first in Milton Keynes from June 13 to 16, the second in Amsterdam from June 19 to 23. The opposition in both events will be Germany, Holland and Pakistan. This means that by the end of June. Britain will have played every team in Olympic pool, except South Africa.

The South Africans, coached by Gavin Featherstone, a former England and Great Britain international, are due to play two tournaments in Australia in May. They will be opposed by Australia, India and New Zealand.

On Tuesday night, Pakistan beat South Korea 3-0 to record their jourth successive victory in the six nations event here. Tahir Zaman, the Pakistan captain, scored the first and third goals. His first came after 12 minutes from the penalty spot and the second a minute before the interval. Sharafat Mehmood scored the other goal.

Korea manager, said: "Paki-stan were more skilful today. controlled the midfield and played more as a team than in our last matches with them. They were also quicker, but I think my players have had too much hockey and are tired."

# World Cup

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

THE two British riders competing in the Volvo showjumping World Cup here — John Whitaker and Nick Skelton - made an inauspicious start to the fiveday final yesterday. Whitaker missed his flight from Heathrow and did not arrive in time to jump Grannusch in the opening warm-up class.

Skelton, who was yesterday invited by the World Cup committee to make the draw for the first leg of the final, could not find the room in the Palexpo hall where the meeting was taking place and eventually gave up looking.

The two British riders are drawn 24th and 31st which, providing their resolve is sharper than it was yesterday. should be an advantage. The first leg, judged on speed with seconds added for a knockdown, favours the later riders who learn from the mistakes

of the earlier ones. Whitaker's wife, Claire, who did catch the aeroplane. indicated that he still intends to ride Grannusch in the first leg tonight and keep his top horse. Welham, aged 16, for the bigger second and third legs tomorrow and Sunday. Skelton, who is attempting

a second successive World Cup win on Dollar Girl, had a reassuring outing in the warm-up class. He put the 16year-old mare neatly over the first seven fences and then, confident that she was "tuned

up", retired her. "it's the best ground we've had all year," Skelton said. With Dollar Girl fitter than she has ever been, Skelton's morale, on the eve of the final, is high. His only grievance was a description of himself in the official programme as a "caractère difficile". He was keen to have words with the author.

Most of the riders in the class yesterday, which was won by Philippe Rozier, of France, on Flyer Baiko, used it as a schooling round. One of the most impressive of these came from Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, the world champion, Weihaiwej, whose flawless clear round confirmed them as one of the favourites.

Sloothaak's compatriot Ludger Beerbaum, the Olympic champion and winner of the 1993 World Cup, jumped the first few fences on Gavlord and then retired him. He said later that Gaylord - the horse on which he beat Skelton and Dollar Girl by a hundredth of a second in London in December — would be his ride for the first two legs. In the third round he will ride Rush On, the winner in Paris last month.

RESULTS: Prier d'Ouversme: 1, Flyer Baiko (P. Roder, Fr) D'autis in 47 éerc, 2, Pfisadero (H. Hansen, US) 4 in 41 7, 3, Ennoc (L. Nieberg, Ger) 43 n 79,1

# Paris aim to break cycle of defeat

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PARIS Saint-Germain know all about déjà vu. It has become something of a recurring nightmare. Each year. they reach the semi-final of a European competition -European Cup. Uefa Cup. Cup Winners' Cup. doesn't matter - and, each year, they lose. The glamour final is contested by somebody else and the trophy they crave as proof of their place among the Continent's elite is paraded elsewhere. Tomorrow, Saint-Germain will try, once again,

to break the cycle.
This year, Deportivo La
Coruña stand between Paris and European glory, which, this year, means the Cup Winners' Cup. Although Youri Diorkaeff's spectacular goal in the first leg gives the French a 1-0 lead on aggregate and. surely, their best chance yet of. progressing, Parisian mutter-

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ings that the Spaniards have nothing to lose when they take the field at the Parc des Princes are understandable.

In 1993, for instance, Juventus beat them in the last four of the Uefa Cup on the way to winning the trophy. The following year, Saint-Germain were widely expect-ed to dispose of Arsenal in the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup, but they lost and it was Arsenal who went on to beat Parma in the final. When AC Milan almost repeated the trick in the European Cup last season - they won the semifinal but lost in the final defeat was becoming all too familiar.

This year, Paris promise, will be different. Today, we are sufficently experienced to break the barrier." Bernard Lama, the goalkeeper in all three semi-final losses, said. "We know we can get over it because we have a foundation

of players for four years now that can pull us to the

They have also enjoyed some timely luck with injuries this week, with Rai, the Brazil midfield player, Loko, the striker, and Bravo, another midfield man, all doubtful at one time, pronounced fit.



Rai: declared fit

Deportivo, coached by John Toshack, must be envious. They will be without at least four key players — the Brazil international, Mauro Silva, Fran. Martinez and Djukic and much will depend on the form of Bebeto, their brilliant, if delicate, Brazilian striker.

in Rotterdam. Feyenoord and Rapid Vienna, level at 1-1 in their semi-final after the first leg, are indulging in mind games before the main event. Arie Haan, the Feyenoord coach, was being cagey yesterday. "I enjoy the pyschological game," he said. "I want to keep everyone guessing as to what we'll do."

To which Ernst Dukopil, the Rapid coach, responded: Feyenoord have to score to go through to the final. They have little choice in choosing their tactics after the first-leg result. They have to go on the attack." A good guess or a bad guess? Only time will tell.

## **European play-offs** beckon for England

By SARAH FORDE

ENGLAND'S women footballers play Croatia in a European championship qualifying march today just six days before Terry Venables's team repeats the exercise at Wembley. While the men should provide a strict examination of England's Euro 96 credentials, the Croatian women's team in Osijek is unlikely to be the force that bars England's progress to the play-offs for the 1997 European finals.

Croatia have lost all three of their group matches and conceded 14 goals, including five against England in their meeting at The Valley in November. Since that game, England have been beaten by Italy, who now sit securely in the one automatic qualification spot at the top of the table, and

the best England can hope for is a place in the play-offs which a win against Croatia would ensure. An enormous boost for Eng-

land is the return of Karen Burke, the midfield player. who missed the game in Italy. but Ted Copeland, the manager, has had to make a number of changes.

Karen Farley, his firstchoice front player, and Becky Easton are unfit after suffering injuries and Karen Walker, whose form has dipped below her usually high standards, has been dropped. In come Tara Proctor. Mary Phillips and Vicky Exley with only one full international appearance between them.

ENGLAND (probable) P Cope, D Bampton, M Marley, K Davis, T Mapes, G Coultand, K Burke, S Williams, K Smith, H Powell, T Practor

# FOR USE RECORD

## British dominance draws to a close

FROM NORMAN DE MESQUITA IN EINDHOVEN

THE Jekyll and Hyde character of the Great Britain ice hockey team was never more in evidence than during their 3-3 draw with Japan on Tuesday in pool B of the world championship here.

In the first period it was all Britain, with Japan outclassed, and a 3-0 lead was the least the British team deserved. However, in the second

period old failings resurfaced as Japan scored three times without reply. The third period saw both aspects of the British game and, in the end, they were a shade unfortunate not to win. A more aware referee might have seen Mike Bishop's shot hit the back of the goal before coming out. efficial also disallowed a late Steve Moria goal, despite the rule which makes it clear that a goal can be scored off a forward's skate as long as it is

an unintentional deflection. These incidents brought to the fore once again the poor quality of refereeing at ice

bockey world championships; the International Ice Hockey Federation (HHF) seems to believe that all countries should be represented, however inexperienced their officials might be The Swiss referee on Tues-

day is not the worst here. A Dutch official awarded the wrong penalty during an earlier game and the referees' supervisor came down from his seat to have the decision changed. Such shortcomings make life difficult for players and frustrating for supporters. The IIHF must realise that standards of officiating are more important than keeping its member countries

Nottingham Panthers have agreed to join the new Superleague completing a line-up of eight clubs for the inaugural competition next season. They will join Cardiff Devils, Manchester Storm. Bracknell Bees, Sheffield Steelers, Basingstoke Bison, Newcastle Wasps and a team from Ayr.

Brewer) bi Ipswich (A Sale, R Cutts) 26-13, Stevenage (S Apps. T Webb) bi Donyan (P Bromileid, J Rictoul) 21-15 BADMINTON

HEPINING, Denmark: European championships (selected results): Men'a singles:
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(Wates) 15-3, 15-3; C Hauption (Eng) bit G
soberson (Sool) 15-5, 15-6; P Knowles
(Eng) bit M Aydogmus (I'm) 15-0, 15-3; V
tzkov (Plass) bit D VHstoran (Ire) 15-4, 158, R Vaughan (Wates) bit F Posteuca (Roin)
15-10, 15-5; O Pongraiz (Ger) bit B Tooping
(Ire) 15-0, 15-2 Women's singles: First
round: T Groves (Eng) bit C O'Sulliver (Ire)
11-1, 11-4, Muggendge (Eng) bit K Ruchit
(Pol) 11-2, 11-2; G Marini (Scot) bit N
Groves-Gurte (Wates) 11-4, 11-3; MoGann
(Ire) bit K Villu (Est) 11-8; 11-3, A Humby
(Eng) bit D Smillanova (Bul) 11-1, 11-0.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 13 Toronto 8: Méxicules 6 New York 3, Bellimore 6 Boston 1; Kansas City 8 Chicago 5, Claveland 7 Minnesotta 2 Texas 5 Oeldand 3: Seattle 5 Coliforna 3.

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Tuggday's lete results UEFA CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Bercelona 1 Bayem Munich 2 (Bayem wn 4-3 on agg), Broteaux 1 Slavia Prague 0 (Bordeaux wn 2-0 on agg). FA CARLING PREMERSHIP: Evenon 1

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and 2, B and K Sharp (Royal Eastbourne, Collingine Pk) bit D and A Greenhalgh (Royal Mid Surrey) 4 and 3, G and A Glespe (Worplescon) bit W and C Pearos. (Royal North Devon, West Hill) 3 and 2; V and G Davis (Riv) a Green bit A and B College (Hurstanton) 2 holes. P and D Story (Midlion, Lystock) bit J and J Green (RAC, Exome Marinu) 3 and 2, A and 3 Spanow (Lytham Green Dove) bit D and D Durnett (Ollon) 3 and 2.

ENDHOVEN, Holland: World champion-ships: Pool B: Lativa 4 Poland 2. Great Britain 3 Japan 3 REALTENNIS

ICE HOCKEY

OUSEN'S CLUB: British Land national under-24 championship: Final: R Gunn bi D Jones 6-1, 6-5, 6-3 Under-21 champion-ship: Final: J Wilcocks bi A Blosse 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

**RUGBY UNION** HEINEXEN LEAGUE: First division: Lla-nelli 39 Aberavon () Second division: Tenby United 5 Durward 36 WILLIS COFFROON SHEELD: Army 31 RAF 23 CLUB MATCH: Crumen 10 Cross Keys 48

TENNIS

PAGET, Bermuda: Men's tournament: First round: M Washington (US) bt L Jarsen (US) 6-3, 6-4, J Apel (See) bt A Rechel (US) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4, D Der (Ger) bt M Joyca (US) 6-4, 7-6, N Laperati (Equ) bt K Novacek (C2) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, M Filippini (Uru) bt G Ellis (Arg) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, A lite (Aus) bt J Stoltanberg (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, B Schlotn (US) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-1, 6-2, J Frans (Arg) bt M Charpenher (Arg) 6-3, 6-2

Linspermer (vig) 6-3, 6-2
TOKYO: Japen Open (Jopan unless stated) Mem: First round: Woment T Substate N Vull (See) 6-3, 6-1; 5 Matsucka bt C Carattr (it) 6-1, 7-6, R Reneberg (US) bt B Black (Zimi 6-3, 6-0; D Prinosil (Ger) bt S Stole (Aus) 6-1, 6-4 First round: A Sugrama bt Tang Min (HK) 6-1, 6-4 K Date bt R Hirsh 6-3, 6-1

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#### Seedings rule puts medal hopes at risk

SIMON ARCHER and Julie Bradbury, of England, who are seeded to win the gold medal in the European badminton championships at Herning, Denmark, may miss out on any medal at all (Richard Eaton writes).

Archer and Bradbury, the world grand prix runners-up. began with a 15-3, 15-6 win yesterday over Manuel Dubruile and Virginie Delvingt, of France, but in the quarter-finals they may meet the most dangerous partnership. Par-Gunnar Jonsson and Astrid Crabo, of Sweden. The Swedes are unseeded, not having previously played together in tournaments in the past year.

#### Chapman shows way

GOLF: The regular mid-April slot for the Peter McEvoy Trophy invariably dictates that the prevailing conditions would test the resolve of the most experienced of players on the PGA European Tour. For the under-18s, the chilled showers of Copi Heath made even attempting to break par the most daunting of challenges. Steven Chapman, of Cornwall, however, managed it and his second-round 69, two under par, left him with a four-shot halfway lead. Chapman's nearest challenger was Paul Barnard, of Inswich, on 145.

#### Wigan transfer row

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan are demanding that Perth Western Reds do not play Barrie-Jon Mather again, until his transfer dispute is settled (Christopher Irvine writes). Mather appeared in an Australian Premiership game, when Wigan had only consented to him training with Perth. Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, said: "They had 95 per cent agreed a payment with us and we were expecting a £50,000 initial fee. But with the upheaval in Australia that never arrived. We are far from happy with the situation."

### Victory for Armstrong

CYCLING: Lance Armstrong, the 1993 world champion, became the first American to win the 200.5km Fleche Wallonne classic in Belgium yesterday. Didier Rous, of France, finished second and Maurizio Fondriest, the former world champion from Italy, was third. Armstrong, who will attempt to complete the Ardennes double this weekend in the Liège-Bastogne-Liège classic, broke away with Rous 10km from the finish and drew away from the Frenchman in the final metres of the Huy climb to claim a famous victory.

'Like children

arriving for a

# Marathon goody-bag proves sweet reward

BRYANT'S

here is something mysteriously childlike about a marathon runner. Watching the thousands queueing to register for the Flora London Marathon, which takes place on Sunday, you realise that they have all the enthusiasm of children turning up for a birthday party. What excites them is not the thought of caring not which are the fastest

Nor is it the prospect of getting the race over with. That leaves them in pain for days. What makes them so enthusiastic is a simple secret known

birthday party' to everyone who has ever organised a children's party — waiting for them is a bag full of free goodies. If they are lucky, there is another bag of goodies when they go home.

The goody-bag for runners is something that appeared with the mass participation folk festivals that are now the big-city marathons. The men who got them under way in the Seventies and Eighties were living embodiments of childlike enthusiasm

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BY HER own admission. Liz. crossroads and was in danger of going straight on. "I was at an uncertain point in my career, she said yesterday. I would probably have run

myself into the ground. I would probably still be hitting

my head against the wall, not

getting the performances I am capable of." What happened? Like a traffic cop. Grete Waitz

appeared from a side road. One might have been tempt-

ed. listening to McColgan talking confidently about her prospects for the Flora London Marathon on Sunday - 1 am as well prepared as I have ever

been" - to conclude that we

The complete list of finishers and times will be published

in The Times next week.

had heard it all before. Two

London Marathons so far. neither producing a victory. and a seventh place in her most recent marathon, in Tokyo iasi November, serve only

to remind us that her fastest

time was set five years ago and, at 2hr 27min 32sec. it is

not as she said herself. "that tough a personal best". What made yesterday differ-

nt was that McColgan's opti-

mism was endorsed by one of the marathon's most respected

figures. Waitz not only com-

piled a marathon career com-

prising nine New York City

victories, two London tri-

umphs, a world title and an

Olympic silver medal, but also

she was renowned for her

honesty. So, when Waitz says

that "hased on her training.

- men such as Fred Lebow in New York and Chris Brasher in London. Such men, it seems, grow old but, wonderfully, never grow up.

There are runners, many of them in London right now, who globe-trot - running marathons in New York, Paris, London, Berlin or Boston running 26 miles. That is terrifying. courses, but which have the best-

stuffed goody-bags. So what is in these mysterious bags that send full-grown and finely-trained men and women on their way with such childlike grins? What delights have Flora and

the team behind the London Marathon come up with? Along with their race numbers, the thousands who check in carry away with them a hag that gives remarkable insight into the strange and obsessive world of the marathon runner. The most essential item, apparently, is the tub of Vaseline. Marathon runners are meant to be

well-oiled machines. The preferred

lubricant is Vaseline - and it goes on all moving parts: between the toes, under the arms - and to places only marathon runners care about.

There are go-faster nasal strips. These are strange plasters that flare the nostrils and terrify the opposition. They will be hot fashion on Sunday. There is the invitation to a "Carbo Carnival", for, despite their skinny appearance, marathon runners like to eat their own bodyweight in carbohydrates before they race.

There is information on heart monitors, disturbing if you are

Waitz puts spring in McColgan's step

undertrained, and gifts aplenty — sports rubs, magazines, safety pins, first-day Post Office covers, mineral water and some Batchelors pasta and sauce. Along with all these essentials come pages of last-minute instruc-tions — the most important of which is advice not to use the gardens of people around Blackheath as loos.

child of the marathon is the customised Tshirt — only available if you have covered the whole 26 miles. and, according to Dave Bedford, the

race's head of marketing, "the most sought-after souvenir". "I went through the wall," boasts the legend on the front - an allusion to the belief that a mysterious. metaphorical wall exists at around 21 miles that runners must climb, crash through, or crawl over to reach the finish. There is, too, yet more pasta and sauce, an apple all the way from

drink - and a fruit and carbohydrate energy bar.

How anyone ever completed a marathon in the days before the goody-bag is, of course, a mystery: but the marathon party is not over for the runners until they collect the medal. In the long-ago mists of mar-athoning, you had to finish first. The goody-bag at the finish is no second or third to win a medal. Now, there are medals for

'Gifts aplenty -On the back of the coveted award this rubs, pins, year is an inspirationthought from magazines' Ralph Waldo Emerson, the 19th-century

American poet and essayist. "Nothing great," it says.
"was ever achieved without

Enthusiasm is the only thing that the organisers have been unable to stuff in to those goody-bags, but, like the runners, the thousands who turn out to cheer bring bags of enthusiasm

world best at 2hr 21min 06sec.

had a run out in 2hr 38min.

Waitz, though, is not tempted

to make a nostalgic return to

London's streets. "I know I am

a lot slower," she said, "I do

not have to prove it." Proving

herself as a coach is all that

maners now.

JOHN BRYANT Norwegian's influence helps Scottish ace back on road to success

#### RADIO CHOICE

# The key to a music feast

Evening Concert. Classic F.M. 8.00pm.

Weird and wonderful are some of the themes that decide the content of these evening concerts on Classic FM. Last night, every item was designed to help us to plan our summer holiday. Weather and the seasons are great favourities; so are animals and the first of this, that, or the other. There is a hint of desperation, however, in the theme tonight. Everything is in the key of D. This gives the compiler of Classic FM's programme schedules a once-in-a-liletime chance to talk about "a D—lightful concert". And indeed, with one possible exception, it is a delightful choice — Brahms's Symphony No 2. Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, a Telemann Trumper Concerto, and that D—cidedly overfamiliar Canon by Pachelbel.

Utopia and Other Destinations. Radio 4, 11.30pm.

Interviewer Michael O'Donnell gives film director Peter Greenaway a fair hearing tonight. This is something he does not always get from the critics, which explains why his Utopia would not be overpoulated with them. Would there be cinemas in his Utopia? Not if all they showed were films such as Jurussic Park, which Greenaway wrongly attributes to Michael Scorsese. In Greenaway's book, Eisenstein is the only cinema genius, and a fusion of Eisenstein and Joyce's Ulysses would be his cinematic ideal. Because Greenaway is probably the cinema's leading intellectual aesthete, his heaven on earth would exclude Desert Island Discs.

Peter Davalle

#### RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Cave Warren 8.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, incl at 12.30-12.45pm News-beat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbile 10.00 Mark Raddiffe 12.00 Clarre Sturgess, incl at 12.15am The Net

#### RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Trower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Paul Harrey 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 David Allan 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Gospel Train 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme Incl 6.55, 7.55 Recing preview 8.35 The Magazine and 10.35 Euronews 11.30 Health News 10.35 Euronews 11.30 Health News.
12.00 Midday with Mar not 12.34ppin Moneycheck with Katie Darham 1.15 Entertainment News 2.85 Ruscoe on Fine and a 3.15 Prime Minister's Cuassion Time 3.05, 3.450 Racing from Newmarket 4.00 John Invention News 7.00 News Edia with Vateria Sandarson, incl. at 7.20 Sport 7.35 Or the Line Topical stocks documentary series 8.05 Women on Top, with Eleanor Oldroyd 9.05 SportsAmenca with Alion Byrd 9.35 American Graffly 10.05 News Tall 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Us Ali Night, with Rhood Sharp

TALK RADIO 6.30am The Steaklast Show with Paul

#### WORLD SERVICE

At times in BST, 5.08am News 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday, 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Sports International 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 News of Lord News 10.05 News of German 9.15 Composer of the Month 9.45 Health Matters 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Sports International 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.39 Business 10.15 Sports Interneutrial 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BSC English 11.45 Off the Sheft 12.00 World News 12.30pm Meritaan 1.00 News in German 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Alever 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack: X Press 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BSC English 4.30 News 6.05 Sport 4.15 BSC English 4.30 News 6.10 World Today 6.25 Take Five 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Assignment 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.01 Outlook 9.25 Words of Fafth 9.30 John Peel 10.00 World News 10.05 Business 10.15 Billiain Today 10.30 Meritain 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.00 News 12.10em Take Frie 12.15 Soundbyte 12.30 Blues World 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Good Books 1.45 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Good Books 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00

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#### VIRGIN RADIO

Ross 10.00 Scott Chastolin 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deate, 7.00 Sport 10.00 James Whate 1.00 tan Collins

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor, Tchalkovsky (String Quartet No 3 in E flat minor); Haydin (Hern Concern No 1 in D. H Vild 3); Henry No 1 in D. H Vild 3); Henry I away (Anartine's Lament). Kije: Veracini (Overture No

n. B flat), Franck (Le Chausseur maudit) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Carrons Young C P E Bach (Double Concert in E flat Wo 42), Chronn (Polesceir positi; in A flat, 1821; in G

posifi: in A flat. 1821; in G sharp minor. 1822). Bruch (Symphony No 3 in E) 10.00 Musical Encounters, presented by Piers Burton-Page. Artist of the Week: Charles Groves conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Delius. (A Sono tor Summer) Debus (A Song for Summer)
10.11 Charpentier (Médee,
Act 4), Griffes (The PleasureDome of Kubia Khan), Morion
(Cauld (Eall Bass)

Gould (Fall River Legend): Sibelius (Symphony No 5, 915 version) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy, includes, Noctumes, La Puerto del vno. Les Terrasses des audiences (Preludes Bkl)). Les Parlum de la nuit; Le Matin d'un jour de tete (Imanes)

(Images)
1.00pm We Must Get Together
Some Time. Gordon Stewa
introduces a selection of operatic excerpts (2/3)
2.00 Schools Radio Showcase
2.05 in the News 2.25

Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop 3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottlish Symphony Orchestra under George Hurst, Benjamin Frith, plano

Tippett (Rifual Dances, The Midsummer Marriage, Piano Concerto) 4.05 Beethoven's Summer Visit to Gratz Castle 4.10 Concert, part 2 Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat) 4.45 Mucoi Clementi เสา D. Op 25 No คื Peter Katın plays a square piano built by Clementi and

5.00 The Music Machine, With 5.15 in Tune, includes, Berwald (Overture. The Queen of Golconda), Haydn (Plano Trio in A, H XV 18); Bach

(Brandenburg Concerto No 2 m.F. BWV 1047) 7.30 The Sibelius Symphonies. From the Barbican Hall in London. The Gothenburg Symphony Concerns Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Jarvi, The Oceanides; Symphony No 4; Symphony. No 1 introduced by Michael

Oliver

9.20 Emotion Plotures, by Wim
Wenders The fourth part of
the road move for the radio. Dramatised by Neil Cargil 9.40 Master Strokes. Telemann (The Faithful Music Master,

Gamson. A concert of 13th and 14th-century motets

and 14th-century motets
performed by Sinfonye in
Cheltenham last year

10.45 Night Warves, Humphrey
Carpenter talks to Ray Monic
about his biography of
Bertrand Russell and visits a new sculpture exhibition in

11.30 Composer of the Week: Georg Muttet (r) 12.30-1.00em Jazz Notes, With Digby Fairweather

# 1000 UNEXPLAINED Was George Herbert, The Earl of Carnaryon a victim of

the curse of

Tutankhamen

# McColgan, right, with Helen Kimaiyo, of Kenya, at Tower Bridge yesterday, part of the route of the London Marathon. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

performance in Tokyo as an Sunday, but not the right day low Norwegian, who holds the

she [McColgan] should win we must trust that McColgan has a better than even chance of giving London its first British women's champion since Veronique Marot in

Waitz has been coaching McColgan since London last year and explains away her

experiment of training at altitude before a marathon that did not work. They teamed up after Waitz kept coming across McColgan training in Gainesville. Florida.

"I saw how she looked and I was shaking my head," Waitz said. "She looked tired all the time. I told her that, if she needed my help. I was available." McColgan's fifth place in London, with each of her marathons getting progressively slower, convinced her that Waitz might have some-

thing to offer. "After London, she wrote me a letter and asked if I would coach her," Waitz said. "Liz does not benefit from the type of running Uta Pippig the Boston champion does -140 to 150 miles a week. She

needs the balance between quantity and quality." Under Waitz, McColgan reduced her mileage and upgraded her quality sessions. When she was self-coached, none of her miles were really

easy and none were as hard as they were supposed to be because she was too tired," Waitz said.

McColgan's iron will and heavy training mileage is legendary and, even after the new partnership began. Waitz had to give her charge, the 1991 world 10.000 metres champion, an ultimatum.

"My biggest problem was convincing her that, to train hard, you have to allow yourself a chance to recover," Waitz said, "Liz has been afraid of taking days off. We had our differences. She would do a little bit of her training and a little bit of mine

and I said either we do it my way or not at all. "I have been there in the marathon and I told Liz I have made the mistakes for her. To coach such a dedicated and disciplined athlete is a pleasure. I do not see any reason why she cannot run as fast as I did or even faster, on the right day on the right course."

Right course it may be on

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44 BERMOOTHES

(c) Pronounced as a trisyllable to rhyme with "her bnotees". The name of the island in *The Tempest*, feigned by Shakespeare to be enchanted and inhabited by witches and devils. He probably had the newly discovered Bermudas ranting around at the back of his magnie mind.

(c) A river of liquid fire in Hades, flowing into the Acheron, the "woeful river. Cocytus "lamentation", and Styx, "abhorred Styx, the flood of deadly hate". From the Greek phlegein to burn. The Ancient underworld was a masty waterland. Milion again: "Ferce Phlegethon,/ Whose waves of torrent fire inflame with rage."

(b) Originating in the 13th century as an organisation of German (b) Originating in the 15th century as an organization of Octional merchants trading in northern Europe, it became a loose federation of nearly 100 towns by the mid-14th century. They were headed by Lübeck. It acquired a monopoly of the Baltic trade and dominated the North Sea routes until challenged by English, Dutch, and Scandinavian competitors in the 15th century. CHARIVARI

(a) A French term for an uproar caused by banging pans and kettles and accompanied by hissing, shouring, etc., to express disapproval. As a verb (charivariser) it means to subject someone to disapproval. Originally a common practice at weddings in medieval France, it was later only used as a derisive or satirical demonstration at unpopular weddings.

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8PM TONIGHT MYSDERIES

for McColgan to go chasing

Waitz's best of 2hr 24min

54sec. To win London is

much more important than

running a personal best, but

In Boston on Monday, In-

grid Kristiansen, Waitz's fel-

you do not win this race in a

slow time." Waitz said.

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Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours With Chris Choi 12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past, with Paul Boateng. MP 12.55 Weather

2.00 News; The Electric Angel, by Beatrice Colin. The story of a young man from Oban who comes to the big city for a job and meets the girl of his dreams. With Liam Brennan. Deirdie Davis and Anne Kirsten.

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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen talks to the author Sebastian Faulkes about his Sebastian Faukes about his unusual triple biography

4.45 Short Story, Don't You Recognise Him, by Rhidian Brook, Read by Game Hagon

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Marvelicus. The rast in the senes with Sandi Toksvig. Neil Mullarkey. Fred Macaulay. Toby Longworth and Kevin Eldon

RADIO 4 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 At Death's Door. At
Louisiana State Penitentiary,
the state is preparing to
execute Antonio James after
15 years on death row and 14
stays of execution Against
this background, British
lawyer Cive Stafford Smith
talks about detending the
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8.00 Analysis: Defusing the Population Bomb. The world's human population is world's human population is growing at an unprecedented rate. Richard D. North eyamines the evidence for a cheefful view of the population explosion 8.45 Better Left Unesid? The second of six unsent letters Actress and writer Pur Fan Lee writes to her former lover.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove 9.00 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

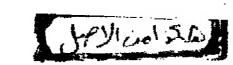
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Devil's Own Work, by Alan
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11.00 Second Bits - Late Night.

The Angel of Islangton by Alex Marmiludes, Arthur awakes to Mermikides. Arthur awakes to lind an angel at the foot of his bed With Alec McCowen. Elaine Clayton, Andrew Branch, Ross Livingstone and Sandra James Young (r) 11.30 Utopla and Other Deathations (FM only) See Choice

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

only)
12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Kitchen, by Banana Yoshimoto (4/5) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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There ought to be a law against theme tunes that man on a mission. He wants a job, include a swooping double

He will, of course, get one but we're getting ahead of ourselves. Two things needed to be estab-lished in last night's opening episode. First Ian McShane needed to cast out the friendly and highly profitable ghost of Lovejoy. This he did pretty successfully where Lovejoy (another ex-con) was scheming and funny. Madson is industrious and miserable. Lovejoy would sell you the midnight oil, Madson burns it.

The second crucial thing was to establish Madson as a man alone, yet surrounded by attractive women. Hardly a challenge to a resourceful easting director, but successfully arranged nonetheless. There was Elaine (Shirley Anne Field), his prison visitor, who now Madson is free is outwardly concerned that he might be manipulating her. Secretly, you rath-

Bit of a lonesome rogue? Must be McShane to be broken?) Madson is now a er get the impression that she wouldn't much mind if he did. The ghost of Lady Jane walked again.

Then there was Magda (Joanna Kanska), high-flying lawyer, po-tential employer and first flirt in line. "No mayonnaise," they shouted meaningfully at each other from time to time. What hope a relationship based on salad dressing? We shall see.

astly there was Sarah (Jayne Ashbourne), who spent most of the episode as Madson's daughter-in-law until her husband (and his son) succumbed to the drug overdose that had already left him in a coma. She was distraught, he was distraught. She, however, is very pretty and he is newly out of prison. A curious episode with a prostitute ("I'll have a cup of tea please, Mandy") may have established him as a man of commendable restraint and she may be young enough to be...

REVIEW



Bond

well, his son's widow, but I fear complications lie ahead.

As is traditional in McShane productions, male companionship came in the form of a double act: Gordon Berry (Thomas Craig) and his Uncle Donald (David Arlen), two likeable rogues who run a car repossession business together with a bit of freelance breaking and entering. How they know Madson has not yet been explained, but my guess is that Eric 1'm David Thwaites from the and Tinker introduced them.

Apart from Madson's unprisonlike tan and one horrendous edit which saw Magda begin a sentence on one side of the road and finish it on the other, the series made an encouraging start. Swoop away, Mr Bassman,

From dooo-woops to ding-dingding. University Challenge (BBC2) last night reached the semi-final stage in absolutely cracking form. Jeremy Paxman is now perfectly at home in the chair, the questions range from the easy to the fiendishly esoteric and, best of all, last night was a serious grudge match, pitting the effortless superi-ority of Selwyn College, Cambridge, against the angry young men (and they were all men) of the London School of Economics. Or

It soon became clear that my student stereotypes were a good decade or two out of date. "Hello,

reborn county of Rutland," said a friendly looking chap from the LSE. In my day he would have been an egg-throwing member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Rutland. As for Selwyn, they seemed to have perfected the art of effortless interiority. On the

nearly always wrong. T nstoppable best describes the LSE team. "In June 1995 which multinational...?" "Shell." OK. so you'd expect them to be good on the unacceptable faces of capitalism, but it didn't stop there. They got two out of three on Einstein (I got one and only then because it came up in the first chapter of A Brief

History of Time); three out of three

on 20th-century philosophers

(none - how was I to know

Kierkegaard was 19th century?)

On Channel 4, a Dispatches team was showing that they knew an awful lot about Sudan's alleged role as a centre for training Islamic rare occasions they did bother to terrorists. Unfortunately, neither press their buzzers, they were Deborah Davies, the reporter, nor Dominic Ozanne, the director, seemed to have given quite enough thought to how to make their

and three out of three on depart-

ment stores (two, but then I've

never been to Moscow). An LSE

that knows department stores is

surely destined to go all the way.

subject interesting for others. But, once you got past a bafflingly complex opening ten minutes and some over-hostile questioning from Davies, the pair got into their stride. Their research was extensive and the subsequent allegations - at least, as far as a layman could determine - impressively well sourced. Investigative journalism is expensive and out of fashion. Those that pursue it deserve our encouragement.

BEGIN SEE 6.00am Business Breakfast (43760) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (74031) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (7742692)

bass, really there ought. They

make the whole thing too easy.

From the first lazily slid note,

redolent of late nights and low

dives, we know exactly what we

are in for. Don't tell me, it's about a

chap - bit of a rogue, bit of a loner

- who somewhere along the line

has mislaid his first name. Tinkle,

tinkle went a second-and-a-half of

misleading piano and then, dooo-

woop. Madson (BBCI) had

Madson - surprise, surprise -

turned out to be a bit of a rogue.

Used to be a professional gambler

but has spent the past eight years

in prison which, by the way, is why he is also a bit of a loner. But now

he is out, having gained a law degree and used it to conduct a

successful appeal against his con-

viction for murdering his wife.

John (what are formulas for, if not

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7975654) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1035147)

10.38 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (31857) 12.00 News (Caefax) regional news and weather (6738857) 12.05pm Room for improvement (s) (8516147)

12.35 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceafax) and

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(9346857) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1859708) 5.10 The Ant and Dec Show. Variety show hosted by Ant McPartin and Declan Donnelly, (Ceefax) (s) (1048012)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Cesfax) (s) (294586) 8.00 News (Caetax) and weather (741) 6.30 Regional News magazines (321) 7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefex) (s) (3437) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (505)

8.00 Wildlife on One: Stoats in the Priory. The first film of the elusive wild stoat in its native habitat, among the gardens and ruins of Mount Grace Priory in North Yorkshire. (Ceefax) (s) (9857)

8.30 Noel's NTV Stars. Noel Edmonds looks at some favourite moments from the last live years of Noel's House Party (s) (1692)

9.00 Party Political Brondcast by the Conervative Perty (173741) 9.05 Nine O'Clock News (Certax) regional

news and weather (597147) 9.35 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina has reached the milestone of her 40th birthday (r), (Ceefax) (s) (199789)

10.05 Making Bables. A locus on Professor Robert Winston who runs Britain's busiest IVF clinic at London's Hammersmith Hospital, After 11 weeks of tension, Ray and Tania reach the stage of the operation to collect the eggs. Anna and Jack have already gone beyond this, with eggs tertilised and in the test-tube. But Anna knows that, at the age of 42, her chances of success are slim (Ceefax) (s)

10.55 Question Time from Southampton. The guests are the MPs David Willetts, George Robertson and Diana Maddock, and a Green Party spokesman, Peg Alexander (Ceelax) (2814418)

12.00 FILM: Longtime Companion (1990) with Bruce Davison. A group of New York gay men come to terms with the onsleught of Aids. Directed by Norman 1.35am Weather (5201797)

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programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (6720963) 2.00 Brum (47094352) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5947944)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7603302) 3.05 Westminuter with Nick Ross (7693437) 3.55 News (Ceelax) (2830876) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (234)

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Army (147) 7.30 First Sight: One Foot in the Door. David Strahan reports on the role of bailiffs (147) EAST: 7.30 Matter of Fact MIDLANDS: 7.30 Midlands Report NORTH, NORTH EAST, NORTH WEST: 7.30 Close Up North SOUTH:

7.30 Southern Eye SOUTH WEST: 7.30 Close Up WEST: 7.30 Close Up West 8.00 Secrets of the Paranormal: Doctor Who? (Ceelax) is)

8.30 Top Gear. BMW's new 5-series (Ceetax) (s) (9234)



The fast Shah of Iran (9.00pm)

Shah (Ceetax) (s) (2673) 10.00 Sykes (r) (Ceelso) (s) (40499)

19,30 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (856505) 10,35 Newsnight (Ceelax) (376234) 11.15 Late Review (983708)

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Trevor Phillips (s) (59242) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone Open

University — Developing World (95154) 1,00 Networks (72722) 1.30 Technology (16600) 2.00 FETV Short Cuts: Problem Solving (98221) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (32113) 4.36 Wise Up (54248838) 4.45 Find Out About BBC Focus (41750074) 5.00 Health and Safety at Work (38890) 5.30 The Adviser (50971)

#### CHOICE Secrets of the Paranormal: Doctor Who?

BBC2, 8.00pm Ray Brown, a former building worker from Portsmouth, is two people. He shares his body with Paul, who was a doctor 2,000 years ago in Judaea during the rule of the Romans. In the guise of Paul, Ray practises as a spirit surgeon, bringing hope to sick people who have despaired of conventional medicine. To turn himself into Paul, Ray goes into a trance, and although the two men look the same their voices are certly different. Ray denies that he is a miracle worker. I just provide the body for the spirit of a dead man." His patients include solicitors and

From the team that gave you Hollywood's women, men and children comes a parallel series on dogs, cats, pigs and any other domestic animal good for a few minutes of eye-catching footage. The premise of the series is that American pets, and their owners, are much more outlandish than their British counterparts. But the proposition, while no doubt true, becomes self-defeating. Somehow you expect rich Californians to behave like this and once you have seen a woman carefully painting her pig's toenails, or witnessed a solemn marriage between two dogs, nothing comes as a surprise. Not even a horse which is so house trained that it fetches its owner a beer from the fridge or an elderly eccentric who keeps frogs and teaches them the value of positive thinking.

Reputations: The Last Shah BBC2, 9.00pm

Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, better known as the Shah of Iran, was a ruler who could not vin. If he tried to modern traditional country he fell foul of Muslim fundamentalists determined to sustain old values. If he failed to move towards constitutional democracy he alienated progressive opinion. His reign, which ran from 1941 to 1979, was a jumble of contradictions. He tried autocracy and benevolence in turn but in the end satisfied nobody. This reassessment projects a shy and rimid man, genuinely trying to do the best for his people but tragically out of touch with popular opinion. When the Shah died in exile from cancer, the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini publicly rejoiced in the passing of the bloodsucker of the century. He gets a

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Three years after the Waco inferno, followers of David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian religious sect, still believe that he was the son of God and will return from the dead to take them up to Heaven. It is easy to be scornful of such a naive faith, more difficult to explain why so many were seduced by it. Gwyneth Hughes does her best in a film which goes back over the events of 1993 and talks to survivors of the conflagration in which Koresh and 80 followers died. The programme attests to the appeal of the sect but struggles to account for its extraordinary hold. Marjorie Thomas, a Nottingham care assistant who suffered 60 per cent burns in the fire, can only say that Koresh's message made sense at the time, Jeff Jamar, the agent who led the controversial FB1 operation against the sect, offers his perspective. Peter Waymark

10.35 This Morning (44110505) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6727741)

milkmen and the complaints range from bac backs to cancer. Sceptics might want to know more about his success rate but the woman crippled with pain who, after treatment from "Paul", is able to get off her bed and walk, seems genuine enough.

ITV, 8.30pm

Witness: Surviving Waco

## 6.00am GMTV (5472728)

so I thought.

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7983673) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6707012) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2310505)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletect) (3653302) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3661321) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5894963)

2.00 Home and Away (Teletad) (s) (54507128) 2.25 Chain Letters. Word game with Vince Henderson. (Teletad) (s) (54519963) 2.50 Vanessa. (Teletad) s) (4855437)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (7610692) 3.25 Regional ITN News (Teletext) (7619963)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (8755147) 3.40 Wizadore (r) (s) (7570418) 3.50 Rupert (s) (1546944) 4.15 Mike and Angelo (r) (s) (2731586) 4.40 Crazy Cottage (Teletext) (s) (5236437)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (4228514) 5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (489893) 5.55 Your Shout (573128) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (437) 6.25 HTV News with Bruce Hockin and Sue

King. (Teletext) (441944) 7,00 Emmerdale. (Taletext) (s) (8505) 7.30 3-D. Katy Haswell investigates the appalling conditions of animals in a European zoo (s) (673)

8.00 The Bill: Tale of Two Cities. An unlikely friendship between two leenage boys is all that stands between Greig and a local drug dealer (Teletext) (4925)



Canine wedded bliss (8,30pm)

8.30 Hollywood Pets. (Teletext) (s)(6760) 9.00 Eillington: Deuce. Drama series set in the world of sports promotion. (Teletext)

(8) (6499) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (958789) 10.05 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

(605925)10.35 Regional News (Teletext) (575128) 10.45 Getaways. Reports on salmon fishing suition on the Exe: the Ardennes Forest in Belgium; and an activities holiday in the New Enrest (Teletext) (437128) 11.15 On the Line. Topical discussion chaired

by Ken Rees (427741) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (690586) 12.40am Carnal Knowledge (4150600)

1.40 Not Fade Away, Boy George selects his tavourite music videos (s) (4317890) 2.40 Shift. Work by directors and producers 3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (9740971)

4.30 The Time . . , the Place (r) (s) (84513) 5.00 Garden Calendar (1) (32616) 5.30 ITN Morning News (54797) Ends 6.00

As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wates Tonight (441944) 7.30-8.00 Upwardly Mobile (673) 10.45 Strangely Scientific (437128) 11.15-11.45 3-D (427741)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.25pm-12.30 My Story (6735760)

12.55 Emmerdale (3661321) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters. Word game with cash prizes, presented by Vince Henderson (79094857)

1.55 Home and Away (68194012) 2.25 Vanessa (54500215) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6324272) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4228514) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (72586)

10.45 The LADS (437128) 11.15-11.45 The Making of Braken Arrow (427741)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Home and Away (3661321) 1.25 Chain Letters (79094857)

1.55 A Country Practice (44482741) 2.20 Vanessa (54501944) 2.50-3.20 High Road (4855437)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4228514) 6,25 Central News and Weather (867079) 6,55-7.00 Life Line (713079)

10.45 Film: Columbo - No Time to Die (82423692) 12.50am Carnal Knowledge (1734432) 1.45 Not Fade Away (4303906) 3.35 Customs Classified (2850722)

4.20 Jobfinder (5889600) 5.20 Asian Eye (1080890) MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Chain Letters (3661321) 1.25 Home and Away (79094857) 1.55 Shortland Street (44482741)

2.20 Venessa. Studio discussion series (54501944) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (4855437) 5.10 Home and Away (4228514) 5,37-5,40 Three Minutes -- Crimestoppers

(586692) 6.00 Meridian Tonicht (437) 6.30-7.00 Greas Roots (789) 10.45 Film: The Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission (15522708)

12.40em Phoenix (4150600) 5.00 Freescreen (32616)

Starts, 6.35 Fifteen to One (8543654) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67741) 9.00 The Golden Girls (47302) 9.30 Film: The Claco Kid and the Lady (6263383) 10.50 Windy Day (3033128) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon (66012) 12.00 House to House (67156) 12.30pm Hullaballoo (95437) 1.00 Stot Melthrin (77128) 1.30 Bush Tucker Man (94708) 2.00 my's (5031) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing From narket (56166) 4.30 The Lonely Planet [586] 5.00 5 Pump Uned 5 (6383) 5.30 Fifteen to One (166) 6.00 Newyddion (206944) 6.15 Heno (190708) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (870437) 7.25 Corws (729654) 8.00 Cleck (5895) 8.30 Newyddion (4302) 9.00 Banana (5012) 9.30

Abductees (75673) 10.00 Film: Wild at Heart (82667050) 12.20em Dispatches (3532180)

6.35em Fifteen to One with William G. Stewart (r) (Teletext) (s) (8543654)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (67741) 9.00 The Golden Girls (r), (Teletext) (s)

9.30 FILM: The Cisco Kid and the Lady (1939, b/w) starring Cesar Romero, Robert Barrat and Marjorle Weaver. Western adventure about a heart-of-gold Mexican bandit Directed by Herbert

I Leeds (6263383) 10.50 The Windy Day Animation (3033128) 11.00 Tears of the Dragon The second of a

legacy in China (r) (Teletext) (66012) 12.00 House to House (67166) 12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (61609) 1,30 Hullabatloo with Floella Benjamin. Followed by Affie Atkins (r) (94708)

2.00 Jimmy's (r) (Telelext) (s) (5031)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races (s) (56166) 4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (586)

5.00 Ricki Lake The guests are women of ample proportions. (Teletent) (s) (4559073) 5.45 Terrytoons followed by Murun Buchstansangur (639316)

6.00 NBA 24/7 Miami Heat play host to the New York Nicks (609) 6.30 Rossanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (401)

7.00 Channel 4 News Includes headlines and weather at 7 30. (Teletext) (843673) 7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (646128) 8.00 Africa Express The last in the series. Toyin Fani-kayode investigates the role

of the Shell oil company in her home country of Nigeria; Joseph Warungu sees the fatest development in the African advertising industry; Beathur Baker is in

8.30 The Real Holiday Show (r). (Teletext) (s)



The enigmatic David Koresh (9.00pm)

9.00 CHERCE Witness: Surviving Waco (Teleled) (7741) 10.00 NYPD Blue New York police drama the death of the son of a local crime boss.

10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised comedy (r) (Teletext) (s) (162128) Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) 11.30 Rory Bre (418079)

12.10am Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (3445600) 12.55 FILM: The Glass Menagerie (1987) starring Joanne Woodward, John Malkovich and Karen Allen Tennessee

Williams's stage drama about an oppressive mother, her poet husband and their crippled and painfully shy daughter Directed by Paul Newman. (Teletext) (54920432). Ends at 3.20

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY NEWS

KY MOVIES

8.00am The Girl Most Likely (1957) (95419) 8.00 Blood on the Moon (1948) (45627) 10.00 Walk Like a Man (1967) (1903) 12.00 Howard: A New Breed of Hero (1986) (8676) 2.00pm Author! (1982) (54128) 4.00 Bedtime Stary (1964) (5698) 6.00 I Spy Returns (1983) (76298296) 7.40 US Top Tan. (75456) 8.00 The Flindstories (1984) (867147) (75456) 8.00 The Copy (1984) (857147) 7:545961 8.00 The Flintstones (1994) (79437) 10.00 The Crow (1994) (857147) 11.45 Knights (1992) (335296) 1.20cm The Long Day's Dying (1963) (2140819) 2.50 Web at Decelt (1994) (4437451) 4.20 Bedtime Store (1984) (22482

4.00pm Deddy Long Legs (1959) (34986505) 6.10 3:10 to Yunna (1957) (602079638 8:00 What's News, Pumpress? (1969) (51079) 10.00 From Hell to Victory (1979) (106401) 11.50 Computation THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00em Rh Tin Tin — Hero of the West (1955) (78760) 8.00 Aladdin (1983) (4106673) 8.50 Thumbuline (2757605) 10.95 Back to the Beach (1987) 20536050) 12.00 Meet He in Las Vegas reason 87872 2.00m No Favourito Spy 20536050) 12-00 Meet his in Las Vegas (1956) (8302) 2.00pm his Pavouth's Spy (1961) (45470) 4.00 Abeddis (1998) (1954) 4.670 Abeddis (1998) (1254) 5.00 Credie of Conspiracy (1996) (55234) 5.00 So I Merried an Ass Murderer (1993) (95234) 9.30 The Movie Shote (28789) 10.00 Snapdragon (1960) (382031) 11.40 The Red Shote Diaries No 2: Double Dare (1982) (68825) 1.15em Deadly Writepers (1994) (670548) 2.50 Meet Ne in Las Vegas (1956) (482703) 4.45 Rebecch of Sunstylvock Ferm (1983) (7241105)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am. 6.00am Muppet Bables (49397031) 6.00 Winne the Pools (49732234) 7.00 Duckteles (10161673) 7.30 Ouack Artack (10180708) (10161673) 7.30 Ouack Attack (10160708) 8.00 Chrp n' Dale (93342383) 8.30 Worderland (93341854) 9.00 Umbraka Tree (93365234) 9.30 Fregole Rock (24538483) 10.00 Muppet Babies (49723566) 10.30 Pooh Corner (93361418) 11.30 Winne the Pooh (47730418) 11.30 Dumbo's Circus (42731147) 12.00 Disney (31233316) 1.00pm FLM in Search of the Costaways (28942596) 2.35 Umbraka Tree (7489741) 3.00 Winne the Pooh (87615708) 3.30 Duckales (80309521) 4.00 Chiack Atjack (93366128) 4.30 Chip n' Dale (80384012) 8.00 Boy Meets World (87687925) 5.30 Danger Bay (8030952) Dale (80384012) 8.00 Boy Meets World (87887925) 5.30 Denger Bay (90308927) 8.00 Tarzart (80305605) 6.30 Denosaus (80396657) 7.00 The Torkelsons (87807789) 7.30 Faene Tale Theatre (4682609) 8.30 Entertationent (50563498) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaus (30833875)

7.30am Equestrianem (26654) 8.36 Cycling (79050) 9.00 Merathon (50586) 10.00 Suno (77166) 11.00 Formula I (76876)

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SKY SPORTS

SKY MOVIES GOLD

11.30 Motorcycling Magazine (77505)
12.00 Euclium (80166) 12.30pm
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(481234) 5.00 Tractor Pulling (5708) 6.00
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Motorcycling Magazine (17296) 12.0012.30mm Four-Wheels (31838)

7.00am Sports Centre (74079) 7.30 World Wrasting Federation Superstars (33556) 8.30 Racing News (51654) 9.00 Aerobics Cz Style (75234) 9.30 Nestoucters (31079) 10.30 PGA European Golf Tour — Carnes Open — Live (17050) 12.30 pm Ringide Special (38993) 2.30 Futbol Mundial (7302) 3.00 PGA European Golf Tour — Carnes Open (62505) 5.00 Wresting (1012) 9.00 Sports Centre (8031) 8.30 Formala 3 Racing (3383) 7.00 Boots Viral (765321) 7.35 Sports Centre (847865) 8.00 Basieriasi — Live (13895) 10.00 Sports Centre (63498) 10.30 Formula 3 Racing (22128) 12.00 Nascar (30242) 1.00am Passerbasi (13616) 3.00-8.30 Sports Centre (82568) 7.00am Sports Centre (74079) 7.30 World

SKY SPORTS 2 7.00pm Goll --- Nike Tour (3919790) 9.00 Goll --- PGA Seriots Open (9065031) 11.00 PGA European Golf Tour (3915944) 12.00-1.00am Books '0' All (4020884) '-

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4,00 Thought for the Day 4,05 Worship 4,15 Kdz-TV 4,30 700 Club 5,00 Voice of Viciniy with Konneth ande Gloria Copaland 5,30 Christian Music TV 5,45 This Is Your Day SKY SOAP 7.00mm Guiding Light (8606147) 7.85 As the World Turns (1286079) 8.50 Peyton Place (3321692) 9.20 Days of Our Livee

SKY TRAVEL 11,00mm Globotroter (7719786) 11.30 Moving Posteards (3719786) 12.00 Moving Posteards (3389578) 12.30pm Space of Life (1109544) 1.00 Galaszay (388855) 1.30 August the World (1108215) 2.00 An American in Tuhin (5002771) 3.00 Globotroter Management of (6042771) 3.00 Globetrotter (4045586) 3.30 Around the World ... (7258708) 3.35-4.00

Henday Shop. (10237234)

10,10-11,00 Another



THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Our Cartury (7799741) 5.00 Memories of 1989: (4089186) 6.00-7.00 Biography (1117968) THE SCIFT CHANNEL

1,00am The Se Million Dictar Men (95/15/3) 2.00 PLM: Tales from the Crypt (84/21/258): 3.25-4.00 Ray Bradbury The-ame (718/51/3) 9.00mm Suprise Chels (3801789) 9.20 Grow Your Own (1774944) 10.00 Stagestruck (4750128) 10.30 Our House (3890873) 11.00 Room for Improvement (7875741) 11.30 Caythese (7976470) 12.00 Julia Chell (3881925) 12.30pm The Frugal Gournet (1778780) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (1821) 23 Yan Emission Cook (1221) 23 Yan Emission Cook [1621383] 1.30 Furniture to Go (1777031) 2.00 Our House (822857) 2.30 Stars and Gardens (6197708) 3.00 Screaming Reels (8234692) 3.30-4.00 This Old House

UK GOLD 7,00em Angels (1824470) 7.30 Meighbours (1843505) 8,00 Sons and Daughters (3880506) 8,30 EastEnders (3812895) 9,00



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> 6.00mm Tmy and crew (76050) 7.00. Secame Street (97565) 8.00 Barney and Sesame Street (17786) 8.00 Barriey and Frencis (29079) 8.30 Denobeloes (11050) 9.00 Art Attack (1973117) 9.15 No Naked Flamas (7273215) 9.00 Ready or Not (49021) 10.00 Hearlinesk High (19012) 10.30 Hang Time (1906) 11,00 Medison (25166) 11.30 Babysiters Club (25895) street (1906) 11.00 Readys (1906) 11.00

(2778741) 10.35 Bottom (6628692) 11.10 The Sweeney (8242079) 12.15am Classic Sport (9861722) 1,05 Public Eye (1089819) 2.00 Shopping at Night (1304635) 3.00

12.30pm The Twisted Tales of Fetix the Cat (55137) 1.00 Earthworm Jim (49.19) 1.30 Cropy Crantors (59.76) 2.00 Bit and Ted's (23.155) 2.30 Dirktearment (23.63) 2.30 Gravedate High (1760) 3.00 Bet are Cat (14.18) 3.30 Pmk Parther Show (50.54 4.00 California Dreams (2012) 4.30-8.00 Hearthwork Mehr (1896) NICKELODEON

6.00em Bariena Sandwich (30234) 7.00 Killer Tomatoes (65321) 7.20 Per Shop (51120 8.00 Wichhord (5025) 8.20 Rude Dog 3 fire Dweebe (5026) 9.00 Bater More from Mars (73876) 8.30 Clarksa Explores II All (10865) 10.00 Rugrats (2458) 10.30 Asahiri Real Moresters (27570) 11.00 All (1986) 10.00 Rugrats (2458) 10.30 Aaahhii Reel Morasters (62760) 11.00 Rocko (72050) 11.30 Doug (80079) 12.00 Rocko (72050) 11.30 Doug (80079) 12.00 Rocko (73050) 12.30 pm Pere & Pete (81283) 1.00 Capatol Criflers (62632) 1.30 Pet Shop (80564) 2.00 Wishtone (8695) 2.30 Rude Dog & the Dweebe (5944) 3.00 Court Duckula (8302) 3.30 Telerage Mullent Hero Turtles (7789) 4.00 Tales of the Cryptheeper (6296) 4.30 Rugrats (5708) 5.00 Saler Saster (2037) 5.30 Secret World of Alex Mech (8760) 6.00 Pen & Sampy (6573) 6.307,00 Chross (7765) DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6171760) 4.30 Human/Nature (6177944) 5.00 Treasure Humans (6246437) 5.30 Voyager (6168396) 6.00 Fire (6198437) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (9878383) 7.30 Mysteres, Magic 2000 (9878383) 7.30 Mysteres, Magic 2000 (4690215) 9.00 Top Marques (7995605) 9.30 Dasster (1762296) 10.00 Classic Mitaels (4613166) 13.00.19 00 University Wheels (4613186) 11,00-12.00 Unex-plained (1931780) BRAVO 12.00 FILM. The Soural Staircase (9173760) 1.30pm Death Valley Days (1771857) 2.00 Department S (4748383) 3.00 Danger Man (7974012) 4.00 FILM: Where the River Runs (8232234) 6.00 The Green Human (6185963) 6.30 Department 5 (9805437) 7.30 Sapphine and Steel (6172499) 8.00 Planet of the Apes (4687741) 9.00 Twin

Peaks (4607505) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Lovers and Other Strangers (7973383) PARAMOUNT

7,00pm Different Strokes (2893) 7.30 Entertalmment (6437) 8.00 Due South (78081) 8.00 Soup (8868) 9.00 Tan (88087) 10.00 Fracer (54741) 10.30 The Cel Block (75186) 12.30mm Benson

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FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Boogles Diner (6963) 5.30 Night Hood (2878) 6.00 Batman (9789) 6.30 Catcholyses (3741) 7.00 Time? Pursuit (3499) 7.30 Mio and the Boys (9525) 8.00 The Belderbeck Afial; (53437) 8.00 The Buth Rendelt Mysteries: Nussing the Gunners Daughter (33673) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (36780) 11.00 Suers (56995) 12.00 Tridst Pursuit (77670) 12 98the Mic and the Trivial Pursuit (77600) 12.30mm Me and the Boys (33722) 1.00 Betman (22890) 1.30 GP (53258) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (77971) 2.30 Svens (45242) 3.30 GP (50258) 4.00 Trivial

7.30am Jenet Jackson (2(012) 8.00 Morning Mr., featuring Cinemanc (682654) 11.00 Star Tras. (30760) 12.00 Greatest His 3)3(20) 1.00pm Music Non-Stop (15963) 2,00 Select MTV (99741) 4,00 Henging Out (7692) 6.00 Dial MTV (1147) 6,30 T (1692) 9,000 Dist MM (1147) 9,300 Me By Picture 12499 7,000 Star Trex (46147) 8,00 Michael Jackson History in Music Video (55995) 9,000 X-ray Eyes (15769) 10,30 Beant & Butt-Head (181483) 11,00 Headbangers Bell (84532) 1,00am Video (1168083) 5.00 Morring Mex (69093)

7.00cm Power Breaklasti (3937166) 9.00 Cale VH-1 (3950550) 12.00 Hearl and Soul

(1120437) 1.00pm The Viryl Teurs (1106857) 2.00 Ten of the Best Del Lappard (4770019) 3.00 Into the Music (1536741) 8.00 Happy Hour (1119321) 7.00 VH-1 for You (9056654) 8.00 Thursday Review (9064302) 9.00 Ten of the Best The Rear (905-302) 5000 Fer bill he Best 1905-1925 Bear (905-1925) 11,00 Music First (3917302) 12,00 VH-1 to 1 Bruce Springsteen (381242) 23,30mm The Bridge (7586451) 1.00 Tan of the Best Bonne Tyler (9543971) 2,00 Dawn Patrol ZEE TV

7.00cm Jsagran (46657925) 7.30 Zeo. Presants (37033321) 9.00 Film Chalver (25746876) 9.30 Your Zindagi (25194437) 10.00 Tam (46665944) 71.00 Shako (68676654) 11.30 Hindi FiLM Maryada (44146447) 2.30pm Burnyasa (83521031) 3.00 Untu Sonal Moose (56688499) 4.00 Zeo Top Tcn (69690234) 5.00 Zeo Zone (27459363) 5.30 Sa Re Ga Ma (85650379) 6.30 Zeo and U (83513012) 7.00 Hem kal 6.30 Zee and U (83513012) 7.00 Herp hal Aaj Au Fai (27479147) 7.30 Galaucee (83519296) 8.00 Zee TV News (27488895) (835 1924) and 261 V Nova (27468995) 8,30 Andaz (27467302) 9,00 Undu Senal Ajnabee (95960921) 10,00 The Zee Homor Show (25727741) 10,30 Yaadon Na Rang (25743789) 11,00 Commander (69891963) 11,30-12,00 Aap Ki Farmaish (38488302) CARTOON NETWORK/INT

Then THT films as below.

7.00pm Hot Millions (1968) (10189079)
9.00 Dark Victory (1939) (85851215)
11.00 The Rack (1856) (19726789)
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RFU faces cup cash dispute

# Final demand presented by leading clubs

THE two leading rugby union clubs in England yesterday heaped further troubles on the beleaguered Rugby Football

Bath and Leicester demanded a greater share of the gate receipts for the Pilkington Cup final, the showpiece of the domestic game, which they will contest in front of 75,000 supporters at Twickenham on May 4. The attendance will create a world record for a club match and yield £1.2

The RFU, already at loggerheads with the leading clubs in the Courage Clubs Championship over the structure of the game in the new professional era, now faces a potentially messy dispute over money with two of the most influential rebel clubs, which are due to play other major fixtures, apart from the cup final, at Twickenham within the next five weeks.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, believes the finalists are entitled to greater financial consideration. "We are talking to the RFU and I hope things can be sorted out." he said. Leicester have sold £300,000-worth of tickets for the final and Wheeler claims that administrative costs will eat into their financial return from the competition.

Last season a limit of £35,000 was placed upon the money accruing to the final-

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take 15 per cent of the gate, to cover their hiring and management costs, and each of the finalists will receive four per cent, around £40,000. This situation is to be reviewed in time for next season but Tony Hallett, the 'RFU secretary, said no amendment would be made to an arrangement that had been agreed by all clubs at the start of this season.

"We believe, and I have had messages of support from many clubs, that there is no ntention whatsoever to leave the Pilkington Cup from the top end of the game," Hallett said. That is somewhat at odds with the statement last week

Smith retires Triple tie

by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs that they would boycott RFU competitions next season in their present format, although they have no quarrel with the structure of the cup.

Hallett did. however, hold out some hope to Bath and Leicester that their costs could be covered, by as much as £10,000, in a manner that would not affect the sums already earmarked for distribution to all participating

There is no doubt this final will take place at Twickenham between Bath and Leicester."

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15 Withdraw (decision) (7)

17 (Horse) with stamina (6)

21 Maintain (in debate) (5)

19 Store against shortage (5)

16 Exclusive; shut (6)

said, a statement that would have been unnecessary a few months ago but now between governors and gov-erned. The game has changed a lot since September, people and management have changed, but the clubs entered the competition knowing the conditions," Hallett said. "For next season we will be able to discuss conditions for the clubs in the new era and a distribution that may be

> achieve in the competition Pilkington has been a faith-

That is of little significance for the cup competition,"

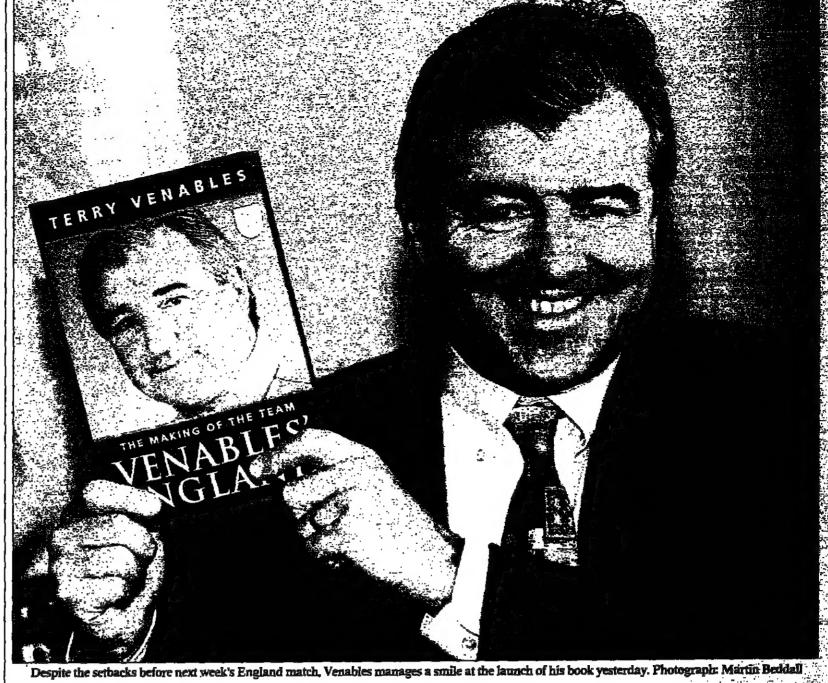
Television exposure is critical in any sponsorship agree-ment. Whether within or without the five nations, the RFU seeks a mixed package of terrestrial and satellite television coverage.

more equitable."

Hallett was happier when discussing an extension to Pilkington's sponsorship of the competition, which was annonunced yesterday. The most significant thing is to assess the distribution of the spoils of this sponsorship." he said. "The distribution in the future needs to be adapted and to reflect the position you

ful ally to the RFU since 1988. The present, three-year contract, worth £750,000, will increase in value to around £1.1 million for a further three years, thanks largely to Pilkington's withdrawal from the junior club knockout tournament after next month's final between Helston and Medicals. The junior clubs will join forces under a new sponsor with a new intermedi-

when set against the vote of confidence in the RFU that Pilkington's decision represents. "We see a great future David Roycroft, the glass company's head of corporate affairs, said, declining to be drawn into the tortuous politics of rugby. It is also an act of faith, given the uncertainty that exists among the five nations over negotiations with television companies.



# Venables unfazed by twists in the plot

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE assorted feet of a throng of photographers sank deep into the plush sofas ranged around his west London club. but Terry Venables did not bat an eye. Beside Alan Shearer's Gilmore Groin [strain] and the setback to Tony Adams's dodgy knee, a few scuffed cushions pale into insignificance. The England football coach had had enough news about the breaking of his team: yesterday, he arrived to celebrate the making of it for the launch of his new book. Venables' England.

So the cameras whirred, coffee cups chinked on their saucers and Venables posed patiently with the new publication, an intelligent journey through his two-year spell in

dissection of his tactics, his court cases, his relationship with Paul Gascoigne and the lessons England can learn from Carlos Alberto Parreira's preparation of the Brazilian team for the 1994 World Cup.

Its launch is as good an indication as any that the final phase of the build-up to this summer's European championship is underway, but if Tuesday had been dominated by doom and gloom about the injuries to Adams and Shearer, Venables, never one for making excuses, sauntered into the Scribes West bar after the pictures had been taken and opined that they might, in

fact, be a blessing in disguise. "People talk about how some of our clubs have taken part in 65 games this season

charge of the national team, a and the damage that could do to the players' fitness," Venables said. "But there is not one player in our whole group who has played more than 50. It goes right down to someone like Jamie Redknapp, who has played 30 or

> squad have been injured and that has given them a bit of a breather in some cases. It can be like a mini-break for some of them, perhaps even Shearer. He is one of those who wants to play all the time and it could just be nature's way of

telling him to slow down.
"I have tried to train myself in a positive fashion not to be sidetracked by all these injuries. It is very unfortunate for me and the coaching staff but the show goes on and we have to make sure we show the same sort of confidence in the players who come in instead. They might be the ones who end up playing in the tournament. That is why we have built a big squad of people that can handle whatever comes

their way."
Venables, who named Jason Wilcox, of Blackburn Rovers, and Sol Campbell, of Tottenham Hotspur, in his squad for the match against Croatia at Wembley next Wednesday. said he had tried to bring the

team's style of play closer to the European norm. "You have got to be careful you don't blast them with too much information, though," he said. "It's a bit like putty. If you just put a bit in the frame, it grows and gets stronger. If you put a big dob on, the wind

You have got to make sure it. His face only creased into a frown when he had to deny

fresh reports that the FA was still trying to persuade him to stay on as manager after the European championship. "I'm getting fed up with it." he said.
The situation is exactly the same. Someone has taken a flier and gathered all this up again. They have said I'm talking to Sir Bert [Millichip. the FA chairman but I haven't spoken to him. We've got no plans to speak as far as I know. He may ring me this afternoon, but at the moment, I can assure you there are no plans to speak."

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# Reid checks over final score

By DAVID MADDOCK

PETER REID, the Sunderland manager, is not ready to listen to the entreaties of his club's supporters just yet.
"Cheer up Peter Reid" they
beseech to the tune of Daydream Believer, by The Monkees. It is a reference to his now renowned, unmoving demeanour in the face of an Endsleigh Insurance League first division. So far, even after Sunderland virtually guaran-teed promotion on Tuesday evening, their tuneful pleas have been ignored.

Reid did conduct a ribald group through the whole, reworded song in the bar after the victory over Birmingham City at Roker Park on Tuesday. He was, however, as has, he said, good reason.

"When I was a young player with Bolton, back in the late Seventies, we were in pole position, absolute certainties to go up, two seasons on the run and we messed it up right at the death. Those failures have scarred me, they are still with me now," he said.

"I suppose that's why I want it nailed on with Sunderland. I won't start celebrating until we are absolutely certain of walking out in that Premiership next season. Mind you, it would take a hell of a disaster now to stop us."

Sunderland, in fact, could be certain of promotion come them to top-six placings in

Saturday evening without kicking a ball. Crystal Palace. the only side who can now stop them, must win to extend this particular drama into the final act. Even then, a point is all that is required from Sunderland's last three games and, given the fact that they are the best team in the division, it should not prove

Reid will then have the imposing task of preparing the North East club for life among the high rollers. It is an altogether faster pace, in the FA Carling Premiership, and Reid knows it, having spun the dice with Manchester City as a novice manager.

He did well, in fact, steering

with the chairman

"Of course there is not a vast amount of money to spend here at Sunderland when we do go up, but then there wasn't at Manchester City," he said.
"People have been writing
Sunderland off already, but in many ways there is a similarity between this club and City

There will be money made sensibly then there is no reason why we can't achieve what City did when I was there as manager. There has been a lot said about our prospects, mostly negative, but I am pretty confident

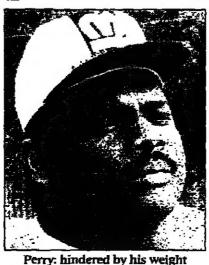
# Monarchs put The Fridge on ice

By RICHARD WETHERELL

WILLIAM "The Refrigerator" Perry, the former National Football League (NFL) giant whose bulk was employed to relaunch the World League of American Football (WLAF), has been frozen out by his new team, the London Monarchs, after only one game.

The Fridge, who became a household name in the United States and beyond when he helped the Chicago Bears to win the Super Bowl in 1985, was the focal point of the Monarchs' pre-season publicity drive off the field, but he has lost his place as defensive tackle to a homegrown talent. Lewis Capes, son of the shot-putter Geoff, for the match against Frankfurt Galaxy on Saturday.

in fact. Capes played a greater role than Perry during the Monarchs' loss to the Scottish Claymores last Sunday. despite being listed on the team sheet as Perry's understudy. On the latest sheet, the players' roles have been reversed. Capes is a beneficiary of the league's rule stating that a national player must be on the field for each team on alternating sets of plays, a set being one offensive and one defensive series. But it is Perry,



rather than any of the lesser-known figures on the defensive line, who steps

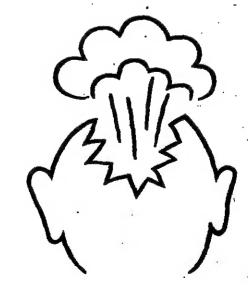
Perry had weight problems throughout his NFL career with the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles indeed, even before it. He was born weighing 13lb and is listed at "350-ish" in

official hand-outs. That 25st looked something of an underestimate on Sunday, when extra weight hindered him. Indeed, he struggled to accelerate into a trot. Perry, who has the standard World League \$12,500 (about £8,000) playing contract but receives a reported \$100,000 for promotional purposes, is used purely as a run-stopper in the team.

As the son of famous father. Capes though, is used to following in large footsteps. The 24-year-old played for the Monarchs last year and made progress in training camp this year. Maurice Spencer, the Monarchs' defensive assistant, said: "If any national player is going to succeed, it's going to be him." At 6ft 4in. Capes is two inches taller than The Fridge but weighs, officially, 21st.

After the match, Bobby Hammond, the head coach, was asked about Perry's performance. His answer, though avoiding direct criticism, was more condemning than any finely-crafted soundbite. The 24-21 loss has resulted in three players being dropped. David Gordon, who on Sunday missed, by an embarrassing margin, a field goal which would have won the match, is replaced Roger Ruzek, former Dallas Cowboys kicker.

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